

## House Resolution 1700

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Jekyll Island—State Park Authority to take certain measures to protect the  
2 endangered sea turtle; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the sea turtle is an amazingly beautiful yet endangered species common to  
4 Jekyll Island; and

5 WHEREAS, the growing popularity of the preservation efforts to protect the endangered sea  
6 turtle on Jekyll Island has brought a renewed interest in the island and continues to help  
7 bolster the island's economy; and

8 WHEREAS, investments made in the protection of sea turtles on Jekyll Island are smart  
9 investments for nature lovers as well as the island's businesses; and

10 WHEREAS, by taking steps to protect nesting turtles by minimizing their exposure to light  
11 from shore, Georgia can help preserve and increase populations of sea turtles, thereby  
12 ensuring that this fascinating species continues for the enjoyment of generations to come and  
13 create a unique attraction which draws visitors from around the world to the Georgia coast.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
15 the members of this body urge the Jekyll Island—State Park Authority to adopt ordinances  
16 governing emissions of light, from both external and internal sources and including existing  
17 structures and future structures, on Jekyll Island in order to protect sea turtles; consult with  
18 the Department of Natural Resources in developing such ordinances; annually review the  
19 enforcement and effectiveness of such ordinances and report the same, along with the  
20 number of sea turtle nesting sites, to the public and the General Assembly; adopt updated  
21 versions of such ordinances not later than December 31, 2008; and review such ordinances  
22 not less than every five years thereafter and update the same as necessary and appropriate for  
23 maintaining and improving sea turtle populations.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Jekyll Island—State
- 3 Park Authority and to the Governor of this state.