

Senate Resolution 477

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Robertson of the 29th, Harbison of the 15th, Kennedy of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Georgia Music Heritage Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia has a rich, wide-ranging musical history that spans many genres and
3 decades and has long been a hub for music heritage, creation, performance, and innovation;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, artists such as the Allman Brothers Band, James Brown, Ray Charles, Gladys
6 Knight, Robert McDuffie, Johnny Mercer, Outkast, Otis Redding, Little Richard, TLC,
7 Trisha Yearwood, Alan Jackson, R.E.M., Usher, the B-52s, Young Jeezy, and many more,
8 all hail from Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, the music industry in Georgia, through the creativity and effort of many talented
10 and dedicated performers, producers, promoters, technicians, and others working in many
11 different musical genres and styles, has entertained and given great pleasure to millions of
12 people worldwide; and

13 WHEREAS, across this state, sites, museums, tours, roads, and memorials pay homage to
14 the musicians who have claimed it as their home; and

15 WHEREAS, the music industry has made significant contributions to Georgia's culture and
16 economy; and

17 WHEREAS, fostering and expanding the Georgia based music tourism industry will lead to
18 further significant contributions to the economy, job creation, and welfare of this state; and

19 WHEREAS, in light of the above, it is highly desirable to encourage and promote the
20 continued growth and success of the music industry and music tourism in this state; and

21 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to examine the following aspects of the music industry
22 in Georgia:

23 (1) The economic impact of the music industry in Georgia and ways to measure, expand,
24 and promote the music economy state wide and foster integration with other creative
25 industries, including film, digital media, and gaming;

26 (2) The current state of the music tourism sector in Georgia and ways to support,
27 promote, and grow that sector;

28 (3) Musical tour and theatrical productions in Georgia and ways to develop, promote,
29 and attract investment from that sector of the industry; and

30 (4) The Georgia Music Hall of Fame and its awards ceremony and ways that the
31 institution can promote music in Georgia while providing for continued economic
32 development.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
34 GEORGIA:

35 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Georgia Music
36 Heritage Study Committee.

37 (2) **Members and officers.**

38 (A) The committee shall be composed of 14 members.

39 (B) The President of the Senate shall appoint six members of the Senate as members
40 of the committee and shall designate one such member as cochairperson.

41 (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint eight members of the
42 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one such
43 member as cochairperson.

44 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
45 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
46 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

47 (4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The
48 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
49 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform
50 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

51 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

52 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
53 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

54 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
55 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
56 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
57 appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

58 (6) **Report.**

59 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
60 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the
61 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
62 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

63 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
64 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
65 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

66 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
67 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
68 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
69 with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

70 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the
71 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the
72 minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

73 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2022.