

Senate Resolution 925

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Jackson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd, Mangham of the 55th and others

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on a Museum of African American History and
2 Culture of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's African American heritage is a rich treasure that deserves to be
4 documented, preserved, cultivated, and promoted so that it may be discovered and explored
5 and serve as a point of cultural education on the significance of the African American
6 experience in this state; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia would benefit from the creation of a clearinghouse and authenticator
8 for information and insights about African Americans in Georgia and the nation through
9 collaboration with other public, educational, corporate, and Georgia based institutions on
10 strategies for promoting African American history and culture; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia would benefit from the discovery, identification, preservation,
12 collection, and cataloging of African American historical materials and artifacts and the
13 establishment and management of, and coordination with, museums and other appropriate
14 facilities for the promotion of African American history and culture to Georgians; and

15 WHEREAS, through the dissemination and integration of African American historical and
16 cultural materials into the mainstream of Georgia life and education, the State of Georgia
17 would have the opportunity to foster constructive social change through better racial
18 understanding.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

20 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
21 on a Museum of African American History and Culture of Georgia.

22 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
23 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate; such members shall include the
24 Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, and the chairperson of the Georgia
25 Legislative Black Caucus. The President shall designate a legislative member of the
26 committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

34 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
35 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
36 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
37 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
38 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
39 appropriated to the Senate.

40 **(6) Report.**

41 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
42 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
43 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
44 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

45 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
46 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)
47 of this paragraph.

48 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
49 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
50 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
51 the Secretary of the Senate.

52 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
53 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

54 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2026.