

House Resolution 1769

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Georgia Women's Legacy; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, since Georgia's founding, women have played a key role in our state's history,
3 and their legacies should be recognized at the capitol and throughout Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the legacies of these outstanding Georgia women should be commemorated
5 through the designations of landmarks, monuments, roads, and bridges throughout Georgia;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, it is necessary to identify opportunities to recognize and commemorate these
8 women through the process of designating and dedicating landmarks, monuments, roads, and
9 bridges in their honor; and
- 10 WHEREAS, women including, but not limited to, Mary Musgrove, Juliette Gordon Low,
11 Coretta Scott King, Flannery O'Connor, Susie King Thomas, Alice Walker, Leila Ross
12 Wilburn, Martha Berry, and Lucy Craft Laney, left legacies that are inextricably linked with
13 Georgia's history, educational institutions, civil rights heritage, and arts and culture.
- 14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
- 15 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
16 on Georgia Women's Legacy.
- 17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of three members of the
18 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives. The Speaker shall also appoint an additional two members of the
20 committee as follows:
- 21 (A) A historian versed in Georgia women's history; and
22 (B) The chairperson of the Capitol Art Standards Commission.
- 23 The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

31 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

32 (A) Members of the committee who are members of the General Assembly shall
33 receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
34 Georgia Annotated.

35 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than members of the
36 General Assembly, or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their
37 services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them
38 in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as
39 they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

40 (C) Members of the committee who are not members of the General Assembly, state
41 officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the
42 same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code
43 of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for
44 state employees.

45 (D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
46 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
47 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
48 appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement
49 of the expenses of state officials, other than members of the General Assembly, and for
50 the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds
51 appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

52 (6) **Report.**

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

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

60 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
61 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.

62 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
63 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

64 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
65 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
66 thereof.

67 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.