

House Resolution 96

By: Representatives Neal of the 74th, Beverly of the 143rd, Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, and Mallow of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Education to create a textbook and curriculum for African
2 American studies; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, recent years have demonstrated that American history has not yet been
4 accurately portrayed in textbooks and classrooms, especially as it pertains to the
5 contributions of people of color to the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, as Georgia is the civil rights Mecca of the United States, it is appropriate that
7 a textbook outlining the history of people of color in this country originates from our state;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the textbook would cover historical periods and topics to include the following:

- 10 • The history of Africa prior to 1500 BC, including but not limited to the kings, queens,
11 pharaohs, and female leaders of Ancient Egypt;
- 12 • The Kingdom of Kerma, 2500-1500 BC;
- 13 • Ancient Egypt, 3100-650 BC;

- 14 • The Kingdom of Kush, 1070 BC to AD 350; Nobatia, AD 350-650; Makuria, AD
15 340-1312; and Alodia, AD 0-1504;
- 16 • Ancient Carthage, 575-146 BC;
- 17 • The Kingdom of Numidia, 202-40 BC;
- 18 • The pre-American history of the Negro (AD 1500-1800), including the initial failed
19 attempts to start the slave trade; the tribes, queens, and kings who held off the attempts; and
20 the available accurate accounts of the voyage to America leading up to 1619;
- 21 • An accurate account of the history of the Native Americans who originally occupied
22 America;
- 23 • An accurate portrayal of how American land was obtained and Christopher Columbus' four
24 trips to find America;
- 25 • An outline of how European colonizers killed 90 percent of the nearly 60 million
26 indigenous people in America through disease and violence;
- 27 • An exploration into who may have first set foot on American soil before Christopher
28 Columbus, including Leif Eriksson, who led his fellow Vikings to establish a settlement
29 in North America; seafaring travelers from China; and possibly visitors from Africa and
30 Europe; and
- 31 • An account of the sung and unsung heroes in the African American journey in America
32 from AD 1800 to now, including an accurate portrayal of the African American experience

33 in America and the influence of African American culture as it relates to inventions,
34 entertainment, sports, politics, agriculture, technology, health, and more.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body urge the Georgia Department of Education to create a textbook and
37 curriculum for African American studies to be implemented into K-12 education in the State
38 of Georgia.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
41 Georgia Department of Education.