

Senate Resolution 235

By: Senators Moore of the 53rd, Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Setzler of the 37th and Dugan of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the federal government of the United States to conduct a comprehensive investigation
2 of the origins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including whether it resulted from a lab leak at the
3 Wuhan Institute of Virology; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the people of Georgia are calling for this action; and

5 WHEREAS, the citizens of this state have a right to know if wasteful government spending
6 on taxpayer funded experiments on bats and humanized mice caused the death of over 1
7 million Americans and over 6.6 million people worldwide; and

8 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has a duty to the citizens of this state to
9 promote the general welfare and the President of the United States has a duty to ensure that
10 the laws of the United States be faithfully executed; and

11 WHEREAS, it is well documented that pathogens contained in highly secure laboratories
12 around the world, including SARS viruses in China, have breached containment with deadly
13 consequences on numerous occasions; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States National Institutes of Health has confirmed that between 2014
15 and 2019, it sent approximately \$600,000.00 of taxpayers' money to the Wuhan Institute of
16 Virology to collect conronaviruses from wild bats and manipulate them in animal
17 experiments; and

18 WHEREAS, the State Department expressed concern in 2018 about safety lapses at the
19 Wuhan Institute of Virology and the pandemic threat posed by its bat coronavirus
20 experiments; and

21 WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health has confirmed that it funded gain-of-function
22 animal experiments at the Wuhan Institute of Virology that engineered bat coronaviruses to
23 be as much as 10,000 times more than their natural counterparts; and

24 WHEREAS, a United Senate Committee on Health Education, Labor, and Pensions report
25 has determined the emergence of SARS-CoV-2 that resulted in the COVID-19 pandemic was
26 most likely the result of a research related incident; and

27 WHEREAS, in its 2022 Annual Threat Assessment, the Office of the Director of National
28 Intelligence declares, "One Intelligence Community element assesses with moderate
29 confidence that the first human infection with SARS-CoV-2 most likely was the result of a
30 laboratory-associated incident, probably involving experimentation, animal handling, or
31 sampling by the Wuhan Institute of Virology"; and

32 WHEREAS, a growing majority of the American public believes that the COVID-19
33 pandemic was caused by a lab leak.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
35 GEORGIA that this body urges the federal government of the United States to conduct an
36 unbiased and comprehensive investigation of the origins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including
37 whether it resulted from a lab leak in Wuhan.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Georgia urges that the
39 investigation be conducted without influence by the government agencies and personnel
40 involved in funding this research.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Georgia urges the federal
42 government to issue a final report summarizing the findings of the investigation, without
43 redaction, and to make the same available in its entirety to the citizens of the State of
44 Georgia.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House
46 of Representatives are authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this
47 resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Georgia delegation
48 of the United States Congress, and the Archivist of the United States.