

Senate Resolution 503

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Sims of the 12th and Davenport of the 44th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Creating the Senate African American History and Culture Study Committee; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the contributions and cultural influences stemming from African Americans are  
4 prevalent in today's society and have a widespread, deep-rooted impact throughout this state;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, it is important to honor and preserve the legacy of those Georgians of African  
7 American descent in their unique contributions to this state; and

8 WHEREAS, the best way of collecting, preserving, interpreting, documenting, and exhibiting  
9 the rich contributions of African American Georgians from this state's earliest history to the  
10 present and the future is a work deserving of study; and

11 WHEREAS, there may be a need for a state-wide museum to study ways to protect and  
12 interpret Georgia's African American history and culture to serve as the premier experience  
13 and best resource for information and inspiration about the lives of African American  
14 Georgians.

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

16 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate African American  
17 History and Culture Study Committee.

18 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
19 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a  
20 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

24 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee  
25 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

26 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
27 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

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

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

31 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
32 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
33 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
34 appropriated to the Senate.

35 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

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