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SENATE RESOLUTION 79

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A RESOLUTION

Creating an Interim Study Committee to study the advisability of establishing a historical museum for the State of Georgia; of relocating the Cyclorama; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Georgia was one of the thirteen original colonies and one of the States of the Confederacy and is rich in historical heritage and does not have a historical museum memorializing the role played by Georgia and by Atlanta in the overall history of the State and particularly in its leadership during the tragic War Between the States, and

WHEREAS, the location of the State Governmental Complex and the surrounding area is part of this dramatic history and would be an appropriate place for such a museum, and

WHEREAS, the Cyclorama which depicts so vividly this role in a world famous painting is presently housed in a building in Grant Park which is inadequate to house a painting of such value and historical significance and is deteriorating and must be replaced and whose present location is not readily accessible to tourists traveling through Atlanta, and

WHEREAS, the Cyclorama should be relocated in a suitable building in a location so that it will receive adequate protection and so that the many Georgians and the many citizens of other states who desire to see it will be able to do so, and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia, City of Atlanta, County of Fulton Governmental complex is located in an area near the North-South, East-West Interstate Highway Exchange, with adequate parking facilities available

and planned, and is adjacent to the Zero Mile Post which is the historical center of this area and has nearby a large tourist development under construction depicting Atlanta of the same historical era as that depicted by the Cyclorama which will attract large numbers of visitors to the area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that there is hereby created an Interim Study Committee to be composed of the members of the Senate Tourism Development Study Committee, and seven members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker thereof. "In addition to the above members, the Committee shall also have a member thereon, appointed from each of the following: City Government of Atlanta; Government of Fulton County; City Parks Department; State Properties Control Commission; Nasher Corporation; Georgia Historical Commission; Central Atlanta Progress Committee; Atlanta Historical Society; Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; Tourism Division of the Board of Industry and Trade; Georgia Building Authority; and the Attorney General. The Administration Floor Leaders of the House of Representatives and the Senate shall be named as members and the Secretary of State and State Auditor shall be ex officio members. The Committee shall make a thorough and exhaustive study of the advisability of establishing such a historical museum and or relocating the Cyclorama within this historical and accessible area.

The legislative members of the Committee shall receive the compensation and expenses authorized for members of Interim Legislative Study Committees. The Committee shall be authorized to employ such

assistance as they deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The funds necessary to carry out the purposes herein shall come from funds appropriated to or available to the Legislative Branch of Government. The Committee is authorized to meet for no more than ten days. The Committee shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the 1970 Session of the General Assembly, at which time it shall stand abolished.