A RESOLUTION

Creating the National Statuary Hall Collection Replacement Committee; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, in 1864, the United States Congress established the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol and authorized each state to contribute to the collection two statues that represent important historic figures of each state; and

WHEREAS, Georgia currently has on display in the National Statuary Hall Collection statues of Dr. Crawford W. Long and Alexander Hamilton Stephens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 2132, a state may request that the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress approve the replacement of a statue the state has provided for display in the National Statuary Hall Collection; and

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a distinguished Georgian who passionately opposed hatred and discrimination, led in the Civil Rights Movement that changed the course of history by bringing about the passage of civil rights legislation, and received a Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to create a peaceful and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this esteemed historic Georgian be appropriately recognized in the United States Capitol.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and approve the replacement of the state's statue of Alexander Hamilton Stephens with a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

(1) **Creation of committee.** There is created the National Statuary Hall Collection Replacement Committee to facilitate the replacement of the Alexander Hamilton Stephens statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection with a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

(2) **Members and officers.**

(A) The committee shall be composed of eight members.

(B) The Governor shall appoint the members of the committee and shall designate one of such members as chairperson.

(3) **Duties.** The committee shall:

(A) Determine a suitable location in the state for placement of the Alexander Hamilton Stephens statue. Once a suitable location is decided upon, the committee shall immediately transmit to the Governor minutes of the committee meeting indicating such location;

(B) Select a sculptor to create a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;

(C) Review and approve the plans for the new statue;

(D) Estimate the costs associated with the replacement of the statue, including the costs for:

(i) The sculptor for creating the statue;

(ii) The design and fabrication of the pedestal;

(iii) The transportation of the statue and pedestal to the United States Capitol;

(iv) The removal and transportation of the replaced statue;

(v) The temporary placement of the new statue in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol for the unveiling ceremony;

(vi) The unveiling ceremony; and

(vii) Any other expenses that the committee determines are necessary to incur; and

(E) Identify a method for obtaining, and obtain, private funding to pay for all costs associated with the replacement of the statue.

(4) **Powers.** In carrying out its duties, the committee may enter into contracts, memorandums of understanding, and collaborative arrangements; seek, receive, and expend private funding for the costs for replacing the statue; and undertake all other lawful acts that are necessary to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

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

(A) Except as provided in paragraphs (B) and (C) of this subsection, all costs of implementation of the committee and its work shall come from private funds raised, bequeathed, or granted to the committee.

(B) Legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Such allowances shall be paid from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(C) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees. Such expenses shall be paid from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to the members' respective agencies.

(D) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive no compensation, allowances, or reimbursement for expenses.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

(1) Upon the committee's selection of a location in the state for the statue of Alexander Hamilton Stephens as provided in paragraph (A) of subsection (2) of Section 2 of this resolution, the Governor shall submit a written request to the Architect of the Capitol and the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress for approval of the replacement of the statue of Alexander Hamilton Stephens with a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Such request shall include a description of the location in the state where the replaced statue will be displayed after it is transferred to the state and a copy of this resolution authorizing the replacement.

(2) If the request is approved by the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, the state and the Architect of the Capitol shall enter into an agreement to carry out the replacement, as provided in 2 U.S.C. § 2132(b).