

## House Resolution 640

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 104<sup>th</sup>, Lucas of the 105<sup>th</sup>, Parham of the 94<sup>th</sup>, and Jenkins of the 93<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Keep Jones Beautiful on winning the Georgia Department of Community  
2 Affairs Keep Georgia Beautiful 2003 Awards Program; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Keep Jones Beautiful is a winner in the Keep Georgia Beautiful 2003 Awards  
4 Program that is administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and  
5 promoted by Keep America Beautiful and ranks first place in the Category B counties whose  
6 census population falls within the range of 15,000-30,000; and

7 WHEREAS, Keep Jones Beautiful is a certified affiliate in good standing with Keep America  
8 Beautiful whose mission is to preserve the natural beauty of Jones County and maintain a  
9 clean and safe environment for everyone who lives, works, and travels in the county; and

10 WHEREAS, Keep Jones Beautiful emphasizes litter prevention and promotes neighborhood  
11 cleanups, the cleanup of local roadways, the education of citizens concerning proper waste  
12 disposal, and the teaching of environmental values and practices in the public schools; and

13 WHEREAS, the central focus of Keep Jones Beautiful is the beautification and improvement  
14 of the community, one project at a time, and it actively reaches out into the community for  
15 support and involvement from garden clubs, civic groups, and local businesses; and

16 WHEREAS, city and county employees and officials have played a very important role in  
17 supporting Keep Jones Beautiful by promoting recycling and better waste handling and their  
18 leadership, cooperation, and public support have been most beneficial; and

19 WHEREAS, volunteers are critical to the success of every Keep Jones Beautiful project and  
20 the citizens of Jones County have demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment and a  
21 valuable public service as they donated their personal talents and time to these projects that  
22 have improved the quality of life in Jones County for its citizens and its many visitors; and

1 WHEREAS, more than 1,818 hours have been donated to Keep Jones Beautiful by  
2 electricians, carpenters, landscapers, artists, farmers, pianists, musicians, sound technicians,  
3 and educators and their time has been valued at nearly ten thousand dollars; and

4 WHEREAS, grants and gifts were received from the local Grassroots for the Arts program  
5 for the Earth Day celebration; Tri-County EMC contributed funds for the Great American  
6 Cleanup events; local banks gave funds for shrubs and Christmas lights; the Scrap Tire  
7 Enforcement and Education Grant Program awarded educational funds for equipment and  
8 educational materials and to hire a certified teacher as a part-time educational assistant; and  
9 Jones County gave matching funds to hire an environmental code enforcement officer; and

10 WHEREAS, Keep Jones Beautiful increased public awareness and captured media attention  
11 by sending information to the public through many forums, including newspaper articles,  
12 newsletters, billboard advertisements, and brochures; by sponsoring a high school T-shirt  
13 design contest about the program; and by participating in numerous community events such  
14 as the Lion's Club Fair, the Gray Jaycees Foster Family Easter Egg Hunt, the Relay for Life,  
15 the Woodmen of the World Kid's Day, Veterans' Appreciation Day, the County Employee  
16 Appreciation Picnic, and the Gray Jaycees Christmas Parade that included signs that read  
17 "Make Keeping Jones County Beautiful Part of Your Family Traditions"; and

18 WHEREAS, two new projects this past year included Santa's Garden with Santa in Carol's  
19 Park and Songs and Sounds of the Season holiday concerts on three nights in the Jones  
20 County Civic Center Auditorium; and hundreds of people supported the Bring One For The  
21 Chipper Christmas tree recycling program; and

22 WHEREAS, the newest recognition program is the Hometown Hero that recognizes  
23 individuals whose efforts protect the environment and improve the community and the *Jones*  
24 *County News* publishes the letters of nomination to encourage others to become champions  
25 of the environment by beautifying, cleaning up, greening up, and recycling in Jones County.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend Keep Jones Beautiful on winning the Georgia  
28 Department of Community Affairs Keep Georgia Beautiful 2003 Awards Program and  
29 endorse its outstanding efforts to keep Jones County safe, clean, and attractive for all.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Keep Jones Beautiful.