

House Resolution 1301

By: Representatives Noel of the 44th, Teper of the 42nd, Post 1, Harrell of the 54th, Black of the 144th, and Hines of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Concrete and Products Association and its members; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, excess urban heat produces serious environmental consequences for metro
4 Atlanta and other urban centers of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is involved in innovative research on the consequences of
6 excess urban heat and the urban heat island effect; and

7 WHEREAS, this valuable research is supported by the National Aeronautics and Space
8 Administration (NASA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other federal
9 partners and agencies; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, the Georgia Regional
11 Transportation Agency, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and other state agencies
12 are participants in this innovative air quality research project; and

13 WHEREAS, other agencies and organizations including the Atlanta Regional Commission,
14 the City of Atlanta, and other local governments have also participated in and supported this
15 research effort; and

16 WHEREAS, this research is establishing innovative strategies for better development
17 practices including lighter colored and reflective roofing, paving with light colored products
18 and porous materials, and the value and establishment of tree canopy collectively known as
19 Cool Communities design and development strategies; and

20 WHEREAS, cities are 6 to 12 degrees warmer than the surrounding countryside, and Cool
21 Communities' simple, yet ingenious, strategies aim to make the built environment resemble

1 the natural environment in terms of heat physics and the hydrologic cycle by minimizing
2 large dark horizontal impervious structures; and

3 WHEREAS, these easy, cost-effective, and sustainable strategies can reduce excess urban
4 heat, improve the quality of life, reduce energy consumption, and improve air and water
5 quality; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Concrete and Products Association has conducted independent
7 research in environmentally sound products and technologies such as pervious concrete
8 pavements to reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Concrete and Products Association and its member companies have
10 been leaders in supporting these environmentally beneficial development practices and have
11 shown great leadership in supporting research for enhancing environmental quality.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body commend the Georgia Concrete and Products Association and its
14 member companies and supporters of the Cool Communities design strategies for their
15 continuing commitment to this important and innovative research to improve air and water
16 quality and the quality of life in Georgia.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Concrete and
19 Products Association.