

## House Resolution 1401

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Board of Natural Resources to adopt state-wide, uniform open season dates for  
2 dove hunting throughout this state; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, open season dates for hunting doves in this state are established by the Board  
4 of Natural Resources within a maximum open season framework of September 1 through  
5 January 15 for mourning doves, pursuant to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulations; and

6 WHEREAS, currently dove hunting seasons set by the Board of Natural Resources are  
7 separate and have different dates for the Northern and Southern Zones; and

8 WHEREAS, professional wildlife biologists of the Department of Natural Resources have  
9 indicated that there is no biological reason for separate or different dove hunting seasons in  
10 the Northern and Southern Zones; and

11 WHEREAS, through an active public participation process, Georgia's hunters have indicated  
12 strong support for a uniform, state-wide dove hunting season eliminating separate Northern  
13 and Southern Zones; and

14 WHEREAS, hunters have provided the foundation for wildlife conservation in this state and  
15 nationally, and hunting generates significant economic activity for this state; and

16 WHEREAS, a uniform, state-wide dove hunting season would benefit dove hunters and  
17 hunting participation.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body urge the Board of Natural Resources to adopt a uniform, state-wide  
20 dove hunting season providing the maximum number of hunting days and maximum bag  
21 limits within the constraints issued by the federal government for hunting migratory game  
22 birds.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Board of Natural
- 3 Resources.