

Senate Resolution 62

By: Senators Stoner of the 6th, Thompson of the 5th, Jones of the 10th, Hill of the 32nd, Mullis of the 53rd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Keep Georgia Beautiful; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, litter and blighted neighborhoods leave a negative impression that affects
3 tourism and economic development and results in higher incidents of crime; and
- 4 WHEREAS, litter is not just an aesthetic problem but also affects the safety and quality of
5 life of Georgians and the environment; and
- 6 WHEREAS, litter that is irresponsibly dropped along roadways or on the land is often
7 washed into storm water systems and ultimately ends up in Georgia streams, rivers, and
8 lakes, thus negatively impacting water quality; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Keep America Beautiful affiliates now covering over 75 percent of the
10 population of Georgia have been highly successful in getting citizens and corporate partners
11 involved in their communities by volunteering their time and resources for cleanup efforts;
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, Keep America Beautiful affiliates have forged highly successful partnerships
14 to support their programs, resulting in over \$12.00 of benefit for every dollar of public funds
15 invested in their programs; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Georgia Keep America Beautiful affiliates benefit from programs offered by
17 Keep Georgia Beautiful, which has been able to leverage an additional 92¢ in corporate
18 support for every dollar it received from the Solid Waste Trust Fund; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in 2004, over 40,000 volunteers cleaned up over 5,000 roadway miles and 300
20 illegal dumps during Georgia's Great American Cleanup efforts.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 commend Keep Georgia Beautiful for its unparalleled achievements in all areas and extend
3 their sincerest best wishes for continued success in the future.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Keep Georgia Beautiful.