

House Resolution 999

By: Representatives Buckner of the 76th, Dodson of the 75th, and Barnes of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Natural Resources Defense Council for its efforts to provide Americans
2 with clean water; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia and of the United States deserve clean, safe, and
4 affordable water; and

5 WHEREAS, water must be protected in order to prevent health-threatening pollution; and

6 WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance to protect our water sources for human
7 consumption and recreation as well as for the benefit of other natural wildlife that lives
8 within and depends upon our streams, rivers, lakes, and oceans; and

9 WHEREAS, whether we are admiring majestic ocean beaches that inspire our awe of nature
10 or simply drinking a glass of cool water, clean water is essential to life; and

11 WHEREAS, 73 percent of the water used in a home is either flushed down the toilet or
12 washed down the shower drain; and

13 WHEREAS, the wastes generated by the United States population are collected in sewer
14 systems and carried along by some 14 billion gallons of water a day, and, of this enormous
15 volume, some 10 percent is allowed to pass untreated into rivers, streams, and oceans; and

16 WHEREAS, sewer overflows and runoff from city streets threaten the life-sustaining
17 properties of our waters and endanger human health and wildlife; and

18 WHEREAS, according to the Clean Water Campaign, only 14 percent of the total 70,150
19 stream and river miles in Georgia are monitored, and, of those monitored, nearly 60 percent
20 do not meet water quality standards; and

1 WHEREAS, efforts to prevent water contamination have great value and importance because
2 98 percent of Atlanta's water supply comes from surface water sources; and

3 WHEREAS, sewage overflows cost Americans billions of dollars a year in medical
4 treatment, lost productivity, and repairs; and

5 WHEREAS, preserving clean water is critical to our quality of life.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body join in commending those efforts, spearheaded by the Natural
8 Resources Defense Council, to provide the citizens of Georgia and the United States with
9 clean water.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Natural Resources
12 Defense Council.