

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.