

## House Resolution 56 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Heard of the 104<sup>th</sup>, England of the 108<sup>th</sup>, Hamilton of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Knox of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Reese of the 98<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 To urge the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the United States Congress to begin  
2 a study of the costs and effects of adding to the storage capacities of all Corps reservoirs in  
3 the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, as growth and prosperity continue to evolve in Georgia, the demand for water  
5 continues to be a major focus item for Georgia executives and stakeholders; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the situation is exacerbated by the tri-states negotiations among Georgia,  
7 Florida, and Alabama that have been in debate for over 15 years; and
- 8 WHEREAS, whenever a drought occurs, the problem becomes even more severe; and
- 9 WHEREAS, additional water supplies would help ameliorate the problem, but new reservoirs  
10 are extremely expensive and there is no readily available location in Georgia for new storage  
11 capability; and
- 12 WHEREAS, raising the full pool levels of Corps reservoirs in the state would substantially  
13 increase the available water supply in Georgia; and
- 14 WHEREAS, this increase could be managed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers  
15 by simply allowing lake levels to increase as weather and rainfall permits above the present  
16 full pool levels; and
- 17 WHEREAS, this increased supply will assist in the managed economic growth of the State  
18 of Georgia and will provide additional storage buffers in the case of drought; and
- 19 WHEREAS, additional water supply for Georgia will help answer additional water needs as  
20 growth in population and prosperity puts requirements on more water throughout the state;  
21 and

1 WHEREAS, the costs of such action are minimal compared to newly created reservoirs and  
2 could be implemented in 12 to 18 months, whereas new and costly reservoirs could take a  
3 decade or longer.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body urge the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the United  
6 States Congress to begin a study of the costs and effects of adding to the storage capacities  
7 of all Corps reservoirs located throughout the State of Georgia.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the United States Army  
10 Corps of Engineers and each member of the Georgia Congressional delegation.