

House Resolution 1946

By: Representatives Cooper of the 41st and Wilkinson of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Community Health to educate the public and create
2 awareness regarding the safe disposal of home-generated medical sharps; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, each year, more than 3 billion medical sharps are used by individuals in their
5 homes; and

6 WHEREAS, typically, these medical sharps are put into the household trash; and

7 WHEREAS, placing sharps in household trash creates a health hazard for other members of
8 the family and sanitation workers; and

9 WHEREAS, it is important that medical facilities display and have available materials which
10 educate the public on the proper safe disposal of home-generated medical sharps; and

11 WHEREAS, public awareness and education about the safe disposal of home-generated
12 sharps will improve the public health and safety of Georgia residents.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 the members of this body urge the Georgia Department of Community Health to educate the
15 public and create awareness regarding the safe disposal of home-generated medical sharps.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the Georgia Department
17 of Community Health to work with representatives from the Georgia Municipal Association,
18 the Medical Association of Georgia, the Georgia Pharmacy Association, the Home Health
19 Care Association of Georgia, the American Diabetes Association, the Georgia Hospitality
20 Association, the Georgia Restaurant Association, and the National Solid Waste Management
21 Association in creating this important education program.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Department of
24 Community Health.