

House Resolution 559

By: Representative Maddox of the 127<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Water Well Standards Advisory Council; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, groundwater is one of the most precious natural resources in the State of  
4 Georgia and this nation; and

5 WHEREAS, the protection of this great natural resource is one of the most important duties  
6 of this great state; and

7 WHEREAS, the Water Well Standards Act of 1985 was enacted by the Georgia General  
8 Assembly to provide standards for the siting, construction, operation, maintenance, and  
9 abandonment of wells and boreholes to protect the public health and the state's water  
10 resources; and

11 WHEREAS, the State Water Well Standards Advisory Council was created to administer this  
12 Act and is a division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental  
13 Protection Division; and

14 WHEREAS, the Council is charged with licensing water well contractors and certifying  
15 pump installing contractors; and

16 WHEREAS, like all state agencies, the Council has experienced severe budget difficulties  
17 and staffing problems over the years, yet its capable staff continue to do an excellent job  
18 protecting the precious groundwater of this state and regulating the well drilling industry; and

19 WHEREAS, the hard work and contributions of the Council toward protecting the  
20 groundwater of this state is worthy of recognition.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body commend the staff of the Water Well Standards Advisory Council  
23 for its dedicated public service to protecting Georgia's natural resources and extend their  
24 most sincere appreciation for their service to the state.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Water Well Standards  
27 Advisory Council.