

House Resolution 716

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Benfield of the 85th, Gardner of the 57th, Thomas of the 100th, Dobbs of the 53rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Saturday, March 28, 2009, from 8:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M., as Earth Hour; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Earth Hour falls on Saturday, March 28, 2009, and its purpose is to raise
4 awareness of climate change and demonstrate that, by working together, individuals can
5 make a positive impact in the fight for global environmental issues; and

6 WHEREAS, originating only two years ago in Sydney, Australia, Earth Hour will have over
7 ten million participants this year; and

8 WHEREAS, worldwide, 80 countries encompassing nearly 16,000 businesses, 5,100 schools,
9 and 1,300 cities will turn their lights off for one hour as a symbol of unity in the fight against
10 climate change and its effects; and

11 WHEREAS, energy efficiency, natural resource conservation, and a demand by the voting
12 public for action by elected officials are important elements to combating climate change;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Earth Hour is a symbolic event recognized around the world organized by
15 World Wildlife Fund to raise awareness about climate change issues and to encourage
16 businesses, individuals, and government to take actions to reduce their carbon emissions; and

17 WHEREAS, the Atlanta community is deeply concerned about the impacts of climate change
18 and the future health and well-being of our planet, and due to this commitment, the city of
19 Atlanta serves as a flagship city during Earth Hour; and

20 WHEREAS, in connection with Earth Hour, all participants are encouraged to replace older
21 light bulbs with highly efficient, compact fluorescent bulbs and to take actions to reduce their
22 energy consumption on a daily basis; and

23 WHEREAS, corporate partners in Earth Hour will not only pledge to turn off all nonessential
24 lights but will also identify ways to reduce energy usage, while broadly communicating their
25 commitment.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the worldwide efforts of Earth Hour to impact climate
28 change through conservation of natural resources and encourage all citizens of Georgia to
29 participate in Earth Hour by turning off nonessential lights in their homes and businesses on
30 March 28, 2009, between 8:30 P.M. and 9:30 P.M.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and
33 the press.