

## Senate Resolution 845

By: Senators James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th, Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Stoner of the 6th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Keep Georgia Beautiful; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Keep Georgia Beautiful has been working with volunteers for three decades to  
3 protect and improve Georgia's environment; and
- 4 WHEREAS, established in 1978 by Governor George Busbee, Keep Georgia Beautiful was  
5 the first state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and supports a network of over 70 local  
6 affiliates, which cover 75 percent of Georgia's population; and
- 7 WHEREAS, housed in the Department of Community Affairs, Keep Georgia Beautiful is a  
8 public-private partnership that fosters connections with private citizens, government officials,  
9 corporations, and community organizations in order to build and sustain community  
10 environmental activities and behaviors that will result in a more beautiful Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Keep Georgia Beautiful coordinates special events, develops new affiliates, and  
12 provides professional and educational training on ways to promote environmental  
13 stewardship; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the active local affiliates of Keep Georgia Beautiful are the key to the program's  
15 success, producing \$10.00 in benefits for every \$1.00 of invested public funds and reducing  
16 litter in the community by 48 percent within three years of certification; and
- 17 WHEREAS, detailed community assessments, local partnerships, and broad-based support  
18 are the trademarks of the Keep Georgia Beautiful system, and the dedicated efforts of this  
19 fantastic organization are worthy of recognition.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 commend the Keep Georgia Beautiful program on 30 years of promoting clean and healthy  
22 environments in communities throughout this state.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Keep Georgia Beautiful program.