

House Resolution 1364

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Benfield of the 85th, Gardner of the 57th, Dobbs of the 53rd, and Abrams of the 84th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Saturday, March 27, 2010, 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 27, 2010, 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, Earth Hour is a symbolic event recognized around the world, organized by the
7 World Wildlife Fund to raise awareness about climate change issues and to encourage
8 businesses, individuals, and government to reduce their carbon emissions; and

9 WHEREAS, nearly one billion people from 4,100 cities in 87 countries, including the
10 international landmarks of the Golden Gate Bridge, Empire State Building, Eiffel Tower, and
11 Great Pyramids and the city skylines of Las Vegas, Hong Kong, and Tel Aviv, participated
12 in Earth Hour 2009; and

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

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

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

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend the world-wide efforts of Earth Hour to impact climate
27 change through conservation of natural resources and encourage all citizens of Georgia to
28 participate in Earth Hour by turning off nonessential lights in their homes and businesses on
29 March 27, 2010, between 8:30 P.M. and 9:30 P.M.

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