

## Senate Resolution 151

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Seabaugh of the 28th, Ginn of the 47th, Unterman of the 45th, Jeffares of the 17th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Green Power EMC; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Green Power EMC (GPEMC), incorporated in 2001, is the largest green energy  
3 utility in Georgia and was the first of its kind in the state; and
- 4 WHEREAS, GPEMC utilizes "green" resources such as biomass, solar, wind, and water to  
5 generate electricity and has 39 Georgia EMC participants; and
- 6 WHEREAS, since its establishment, GPEMC has generated more than 265,500,000 kilowatt  
7 hours of energy through green fuel sources which reduce methane production and hazardous  
8 air pollutants and help limit dependence on non-renewable resources; and
- 9 WHEREAS, GPEMC's ongoing initiative, Sun Power for Schools, educates students about  
10 renewable energy and its impact on the environment; and
- 11 WHEREAS, through the Sun Power for Schools program, GPEMC has equipped 31 Georgia  
12 schools with one kilowatt solar array panels that harness the energy from the sun and provide  
13 on-line data monitoring to classrooms; and
- 14 WHEREAS, thanks to a generous grant from the Appalachian Regional Council, GPEMC  
15 initiated a Wind Power for Schools program, where two schools in the Appalachian region  
16 will receive wind towers which will serve as educational tools for students; and
- 17 WHEREAS, GPEMC's Rocky Mountain Project was a wind power monitoring initiative that  
18 collected data for four years in the Appalachian Mountains of North Georgia to study the  
19 possibility of using wind as a green energy source in Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, Junior Solar Sprint races are held at middle schools by participating EMCs in  
21 which students have the opportunity to build small solar cars for racing, allowing them to  
22 learn more about solar energy; and

23 WHEREAS, GPEMC's Taylor County project is Green-e certified, a national independent  
24 certification and verification of renewable energy; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
26 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state and the environment  
27 be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 recognize Green Power EMC for its efficient and effective delivery of green energy to  
30 Georgia homes and businesses and commend its efforts to educate the future leaders of  
31 Georgia on environmentally responsible energy alternatives.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Green Power EMC.