

House Resolution 381

By: Representatives McKillip of the 115th, England of the 108th, Greene of the 149th, McCall of the 30th, Anderson of the 117th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the modernization of the federal Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, American consumers deserve to have confidence that the products they buy,
4 when used for their intended purposes, are safe; and

5 WHEREAS, a federal chemical management program should place protecting the public
6 health, including children's health, as its highest priority and should include strict government
7 oversight; and

8 WHEREAS, the federal chemical management program should preserve America's role as
9 the world's leading innovator and employer in the manufacture, processing, distribution in
10 commerce, and use of chemicals; and

11 WHEREAS, the current chemical management law, the Toxic Substances Control Act
12 (TSCA), was signed into law in 1976 and is now nearly 35 years old; and

13 WHEREAS, since the enactment of the law, our ability to understand the impact chemicals
14 have on the human body and the environment had advanced significantly; and

15 WHEREAS, those advancements in science and technology need to be integrated into the
16 federal chemical management program; and

17 WHEREAS, momentum for modernization of the federal chemical regulatory system is
18 growing in Congress; and

19 WHEREAS, amendments to the TSCA should ensure that chemicals are safe for their
20 intended use; require companies that manufacture, import, process, distribute, or use
21 chemicals to provide the EPA with relevant information to the extent necessary for the EPA

22 to make safe use determinations; assure that potential risks to children from exposure to
23 chemicals are considered in the assessment of safe use; empower the EPA to impose a range
24 of risk management controls to ensure that chemicals are safe for their intended use;
25 encourage companies and the EPA to work together to enhance public access to chemical
26 health and safety information; enable the EPA to have staff, resources, and regulatory tools
27 needed to ensure the safety of chemicals; and ensure that the TSCA remains a vehicle to
28 promote and encourage technological innovation and the maintenance of a globally
29 competitive industry in the United States; and

30 WHEREAS, amendments should require the EPA to systematically prioritize chemicals for
31 the purpose of assessing their safe use, to act expeditiously and efficiently in assessing the
32 safe use of chemicals, and to rely on scientifically valid data and information; and

33 WHEREAS, a robust federal chemical management system will obviate the need for state
34 governments to adopt different, at times conflicting, state regulatory programs that have the
35 potential for negative impacts on the national economy.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body encourage the United States Congress to enact legislation that
38 modernizes the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to members of the Georgia
41 Congressional delegation.