

Senate Resolution 457

By: Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Davenport of the 44th and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority (HCWSA) was created by
4 an Act of the Georgia General Assembly in March of 1961, to provide water and sewer
5 services on behalf of the citizens of Henry County; and

6 WHEREAS, over the course of 50 years, the HCWSA board of directors and management
7 have provided strong leadership and vision to carry out this mission, which also has
8 enhanced the economic development and quality of life in Henry County; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs designated Henry County a
10 "WaterFirst" Community as a result of the memorandum of understanding between the
11 HCWSA and the Henry County Board of Commissioners to provide long-term water
12 resource planning and environmental stewardship; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Water Professionals recently selected the HCWSA
14 to receive both the 2008 Water Distribution System of the Year and 2009 Wastewater
15 Collection System of the Year awards in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has selected the HCWSA
17 as a "WaterSense" promotional partner for its advocacy in wise water use by consumers; and

18 WHEREAS, the Association of State Dams Safety Officials awarded the HCWSA its
19 Southeast Regional Award of Merit and recognized HCWSA General Manager Lindy Farmer
20 for being the longest tenured water utility general manager in Georgia for his 30 years as
21 chief executive officer; and

22 WHEREAS, the HCWSA has one of the highest bond ratings possible for a utility of its kind,
23 Aa2, reflecting its sound financial position and fiscally responsible operations and
24 governance; and

25 WHEREAS, the HCWSA has more than 18 billion gallons of raw water storage to provide
26 clean drinking water for its citizens in one of the fastest growing counties in the nation over
27 the past two decades, without the need to increase the demand for withdrawals from the
28 Chattahoochee basin; and

29 WHEREAS, the HCWSA has preserved more than 8,000 acres of green space, including
30 reservoirs, wetlands, forests, and other natural resources, forever protecting these areas from
31 encroachment or development; and

32 WHEREAS, the HCWSA Cubihatcha Outdoor Education Center has been the focal point of
33 public outreach and education at the authority and has been recognized by the Georgia
34 Association of Water Professionals for providing the public education programs of the year
35 in the State of Georgia on two occasions.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 commend the Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority on 50 years of quality service
38 to the residents of Henry County and recognize the example it has set for all water and sewer
39 authorities in Georgia.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Henry County Water and Sewerage
42 Authority.