

House Resolution 1677

By: Representatives Heckstall of the 62nd, Abrams of the 84th, Brooks of the 63rd, Taylor of the 55th, Scott of the 76th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the State of Georgia to pursue desalination technology; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, oftentimes many parts of Georgia experience drought, especially the
3 Metropolitan Atlanta area; and
- 4 WHEREAS, water is essential to survival and continued health and with the availability of
5 technology, it is not necessary for people to depend on intermittent or available rain patterns
6 for survival; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Earth's surface is a tremendous and available resource, 70 percent of which
8 is covered by water; and
- 9 WHEREAS, technology is available to remove salt from sea and ocean waters and now is
10 the time to pursue this technology and ensure Georgia, other states, and other countries
11 across the planet will always have an abundant supply of usable fresh water; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the research technology and subsequent construction of desalination plants will
13 not only provide usable fresh water, but will additionally provide the benefit of many
14 high-tech eco-friendly jobs; and
- 15 WHEREAS, desalination is an alternate method to augment water supply sources, to reduce
16 water shortages in future droughts, and to help preserve this valuable resource.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body urge the State of Georgia to pursue desalination technology and
19 encourage citizens to be aware of the contributions desalination will make to the State of
20 Georgia.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.