

House Resolution 1812

By: Representatives Maddox of the 127th, Smith of the 70th, Dutton of the 166th, Roberts of the 154th, and McCall of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 11-17, 2012, as National Groundwater Awareness Week at the capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Groundwater Professionals and the National Ground
4 Water Association (NGWA) urge the public to help preserve and protect groundwater for
5 human and environmental purposes; and

6 WHEREAS, nearly 44 percent of America's population depends on groundwater for its
7 drinking supply; and

8 WHEREAS, Americans are some of the largest per capita users of water in the world, using
9 79.6 billion gallons of groundwater daily, the equivalent of 2,923 12-ounce cans for every
10 woman, man, and child; and

11 WHEREAS, there are a number of tips for conserving water, including never pouring water
12 down the drain when there may be another use for it, repairing dripping faucets and toilets
13 because one drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons per year, not running a faucet when not
14 using the water, and only running the dishwasher when it is fully loaded; and

15 WHEREAS, NGWA recommends an annual well system maintenance checkup by a
16 qualified water well system contractor to reduce risks to the water supply and prevent costly
17 and inconvenient breakdowns; and

18 WHEREAS, groundwater is the largest source of available freshwater in the world, and there
19 is something for every person to do in being a good steward of groundwater.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body encourage everyone toward preserving groundwater and recognize
22 March 11-17, 2012, as National Groundwater Awareness Week at the capitol.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Association of
25 Groundwater Professionals and the National Ground Water Association.