

## House Resolution 1874

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging state-funded higher-learning institutions to establish a recycling and waste  
2 management program; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, according to the Georgia Recycling Coalition, it is estimated that Georgians  
4 throw away approximately 1.9 million tons of paper, 360,000 tons of glass, 240,000 tons of  
5 aluminum, and 1 million tons of plastic annually; and

6 WHEREAS, if 10 percent of discarded recyclable materials were properly disposed, it would  
7 save the state \$2 million and \$46 million in personal income and create approximately 1,000  
8 new jobs for the Georgia economy; and

9 WHEREAS, it is suggested that students at institutions of higher learning should be in charge  
10 of assisting the janitorial system; and

11 WHEREAS, institutions should remove their general trash bins in all rooms, offices, and  
12 hallways and replace them with recyclable trash bins that have separated containers for all  
13 recyclable materials; and

14 WHEREAS, eating lounges and cafeterias, gyms, and bathrooms should contain two separate  
15 waste bins, one for nonreusable waste and one for reusable waste; and

16 WHEREAS, campuses should utilize learning materials and supplies in order to promote  
17 green purchasing, and they should recycle and properly dispose of large items, including  
18 motor oil, fluorescent light materials, maintenance metal, printer cartridges, and batteries;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, campuses should encourage its students to recycle all items, and money-earning  
21 programs should be used to aid the recycling program; and

22 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the citizens of the State of Georgia reduce, reuse, and  
23 recycle products that pollute the environment and promote environmental sustainability to  
24 provide a clean future for future generations to enjoy.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body urge state-funded higher-learning institutions to establish a  
27 recycling and waste management program to decrease the adverse effects of wasteful  
28 products that pollute the environment.

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