

House Resolution 341

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Gardner of the 57th, Thomas of the 100th, and Henson of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership (IGEL) and inviting its
2 members to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Institute for Georgia Environment Leadership (IGEL) is dedicated to
4 building and sustaining a diverse network of state-wide environmental leaders to help resolve
5 Georgia's environmental challenges; and

6 WHEREAS, each spring, around 30 Georgians with proven track records in environmental
7 leadership are selected and brought together to create an IGEL class with a united interest
8 in preserving and enhancing Georgia's environment; and

9 WHEREAS, as Georgia addresses challenges to preserve and protect its natural resources,
10 solutions will come from people representing various sectors, opinions, ethnic and cultural
11 communities, and bases of power; and

12 WHEREAS, the IGEL program provides leadership and personal development with the goals
13 of fostering a deeper understanding of Georgia's environmental issues, providing a safe
14 forum for participants to explore each others' views and motivations, and engaging
15 participants in key aspects of leadership, such as creative problem solving and conflict
16 resolution, building trust, and enhancing communication skills; and

17 WHEREAS, during the program, participants experience first-hand the impact of
18 environmental decisions on communities, industries, and individuals in various parts of this
19 state; observe how other leaders have handled these decisions and analyze what our state's
20 expectations are for the environmental leadership of the future; develop relationships with
21 other participants based on trust and shared challenges; learn more about the environmental
22 problems and opportunities facing Georgia; and establish a network with other leaders across
23 this state; and

24 WHEREAS, IGEL, Inc., is a 501(c)3 corporation governed by a board of directors of IGEL
25 graduates from various regions and sectors of influence throughout this state who work in
26 cooperation with the Center for Ethics and Corporate Responsibility at Georgia State
27 University's J. Mack Robinson College of Business to develop and operate the curriculum
28 and leadership program; and

29 WHEREAS, graduates of the IGEL program provide a foundation for Georgia's
30 environmental leadership, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that they be recognized for
31 their efforts through this successful initiative, which is an asset to this state; and

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body join in commending the Institute for Georgia Environmental
34 Leadership for its efforts in preserving the environment through the creativity and
35 perseverance of the young leaders of this state and invite IGEL members to be recognized
36 by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Institute for Georgia
39 Environmental Leadership.