

Senate Resolution 342

By: Senators James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th and Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Zero Waste Georgia Campaign and its efforts to create a
2 safer, more sustainable environment; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each day in the State of Georgia valuable resources are not being diverted from
4 landfills and created into economically viable products using the five Rs of recycling and
5 Zero Waste by 2020 initiatives; and

6 WHEREAS, our waste stream could be producing jobs and be at the forefront of economic
7 development by reasonably converting the stream into economically viable products, thereby
8 reducing our carbon footprint, reversing our current standards of violating natural laws, and
9 improving our health and quality of life; and

10 WHEREAS, Zero Waste campaigns and expos address the climate change crisis and
11 community concerns by providing education, resources, and economic development to
12 support our emerging green economy while preserving the integrity of our natural resources
13 for our and future generations' health and wellness; and

14 WHEREAS, the growing demand for electronics waste, retrofitting commercial and
15 residential buildings, and increases in new technologies, processes, and patent-pending
16 products require an increase in waste and debris materials and provide viable markets for
17 diversion of this waste; and

18 WHEREAS, consumer demands for high technology products and gadgets now require
19 knowledge in Zero Waste to Wealth concepts that generate revenue using natural resources
20 in all 50 states, business enterprise, and industrialization of the new green economy; and

21 WHEREAS, reaching Zero Waste requires eco-conscious design, implementation of
22 eco-packaging of products, limitation of product resource consumption, toxicity, and waste,

23 and recovery of material for "cradle to cradle" manufacturing, reuse, recycling, or
24 composting; and

25 WHEREAS, states need to develop and implement comprehensive federal plans to end waste
26 disposal by using disposal bans to support recycling, stop waste imports, minimize recycled
27 content standards, and remove unnecessary toxic components and by using producer
28 responsibility regulations to support the state plan provisions of the Solid Waste Disposal
29 Act.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 support the initiative of the Zero Waste Georgia Campaign, commend the many strides it has
32 already taken in creating a safer environment, and extend their best wishes for future success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Zero Waste headquarters.