

Senate Resolution 454

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Zero Waste Georgia Campaign and its efforts to create a
2 safer, more sustainable environment and recognizing March 28, 2013, as a celebration of the
3 campaign; and for other purposes.

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

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

10 WHEREAS, Zero Waste campaigns and expos address community concerns by providing
11 education, resources, and economic development to support our emerging green economy
12 while preserving the integrity of our natural resources for our and future generations' health
13 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 conservation and environmental stability concepts to generate revenue using
20 natural resources, 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 plans to end waste
26 disposal by using disposal bans to support recycling, minimize recycled content standards,
27 and remove unnecessary toxic components to support the state's sustainability and the work
28 of the Department of Natural Resources.

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

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that alliances of the Zero Waste Georgia Campaign join
33 together to welcome all to enjoy organic ice cream, candies, and other natural products on
34 March 28, 2013, at the State Capitol of Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Zero Waste division of
37 DNR.