

## House Resolution 700

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup> and Henson of the 86<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership (IGEL); and for other  
2 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.

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.

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