

Senate Resolution 555

By: Senator Albers of the 56th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commemorating the kickoff of the 2013 Great American Cleanup in  
2 Georgia, the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, and the 75 local Keep America Beautiful  
3 affiliates who organize thousands of volunteers to improve communities statewide; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the Great American Cleanup, a national campaign of Keep America Beautiful,  
6 is coordinated in Georgia by the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation and local affiliates; and

7 WHEREAS, this nationwide effort begins March 1 and focuses on litter prevention,  
8 community beautification and improvement, and reducing the impact of waste on  
9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, each year more than 60,000 Georgians donate their time to improve 580  
11 participating communities, providing more than 200,000 hours of service worth \$1.5 million  
12 to the state; and

13 WHEREAS, from March to May 2012, Georgia's Great American Cleanup volunteers  
14 cleaned more than 1 million pounds of litter from Georgia roadways and recycled millions  
15 of pounds of material; and

16 WHEREAS, Great American Cleanup volunteers also planted dozens of gardens, hundreds  
17 of trees, and thousands of flowers to beautify our communities, decreasing litter, graffiti, and  
18 discouraging serious crimes; and

19 WHEREAS, local Keep America Beautiful affiliates hosted hundreds of educational  
20 workshops and general environmental awareness programs, reaching more than 220,000  
21 participants from March to May 2012.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 recognize and commend the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, local Keep America  
24 Beautiful affiliates, and the thousands of volunteers in the kickoff of the 2013 Great  
25 American Cleanup in Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.