

## House Resolution 1360

By: Representatives Greene of the 151<sup>st</sup>, Dukes of the 154<sup>th</sup>, Rynders of the 152<sup>nd</sup>, and Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Flint RiverQuarium Environmental Education Center; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Flint RiverQuarium Environmental Education Center was established to  
4 interpret the geologic, hydrologic, ecologic, and climatic condition of the Flint River Basin  
5 and to promote the conservation and education of water and its value; and

6 WHEREAS, the board of directors of the Flint RiverQuarium Environmental Education  
7 Center has determined that the facility is an under utilized educational resource in a state  
8 where an increase in science competency is welcomed; and

9 WHEREAS, the board of directors has voted to expand the title of the venue to include  
10 "Environmental Education Center" to address a more comprehensive purpose; and

11 WHEREAS, the program and exhibits explain the cycles of the water in the Flint River Basin  
12 and illustrate the important aquifer system lying beneath the ground surface, which is the  
13 primary source of the water supply in the Flint River Basin; and

14 WHEREAS, the Flint RiverQuarium Environmental Education Center interprets the  
15 importance of various ecological practices, including controlled burning of pine forests, the  
16 protection of endangered species, and the elimination of invasive, non-native species; and

17 WHEREAS, the Flint RiverQuarium Environmental Education Center has hosted more than  
18 650,000 visitors, including students from 68 Georgia counties and students from the  
19 neighboring states of Alabama and Florida; however, for many Georgians, the facility is an  
20 unknown, informative, and enriching visitation opportunity.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body recognize the Flint RiverQuarium Environmental Education Center  
23 for its success in providing Georgians with a wealth of information about the Flint River  
24 Basin and encourage the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to add this facility to the  
25 network of assets owned by the State of Georgia under the Nongame Conservation Division.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Department of  
28 Natural Resources.