## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging local boards of education in Georgia to provide educational awareness regarding

2 renewable energy; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, schools make an excellent showcase for the benefits of renewable energy;
installing a school renewable energy system provides students with an on-site learning
experience while contributing to the energy needs of the school; and

6 WHEREAS, in addition to reducing energy costs and teaching students about real-world7 energy issues, including the need to reduce the use of fossil fuels, the community as a whole

8 gains an awareness of the value of renewable energy; and

9 WHEREAS, while a renewable energy system will provide some of the school's energy 10 requirements, it may provide a greater impact as an educational resource; and

11 WHEREAS, new and existing school buildings can be made more energy efficient in three

12 primary areas: lighting systems and controls; mechanical systems such as heating, cooling,

13 ventilating, and water heating equipment; and the building envelope including the walls,

14 floor, and roof; and

15 WHEREAS, when building a new school, the facility can be designed to perform efficiently

16 with minimal increase in building cost, and the building can also be designed to include

17 renewable energy systems, either from the outset or to be added later.

## 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

19 the members of this body urge local boards of education in Georgia to provide educational

20 awareness regarding renewable energy.

- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 22 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to local
- 23 boards of education.