

Senate Resolution 1049

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th and Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of water to the State of Georgia and urging support for future
2 investments in water and wastewater systems; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the infrastructure that brings water to and from homes and businesses is
4 essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of the City of Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, the average American uses 176 gallons of water per day, or 64,240 gallons per
6 year; and

7 WHEREAS, every day, Atlanta treats more than 136 million gallons of drinking water and
8 122 million gallons of wastewater and storm water, providing reliable and clean water to 1.2
9 million people in the metro-Atlanta area; and

10 WHEREAS, the Department of Watershed Management of the City of Atlanta is embarking
11 on a project to fill a downtown quarry with 2.4 billion gallons of water, providing safe
12 drinking water to residents, guests, and those who travel through the world's busiest airport;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the pipes in Atlanta average between 75 and 100 years of age, well past their
15 recommended life span, causing 1.7 trillion gallons of drinking water to be lost every year
16 to faulty, aging, or leaky pipes; and

17 WHEREAS, one-fifth of the United States economy would grind to a halt without a reliable
18 and clean source of water, which would be a cost to the local economy of \$100 million per
19 day; and

20 WHEREAS, for every job created in the water sector, another 3.68 jobs are added in the
21 national economy, and for every dollar spent on infrastructure improvements, our economy
22 generates six dollars in returns.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize that water is essential to quality of life, environmental sustainability, and economic
25 competitiveness and support investments in our water and wastewater systems for the benefit
26 of Georgia citizens.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
29 press.