

## House Resolution 1575

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## 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize that water is essential to quality of life, environmental  
25 sustainability, and economic competitiveness and support investments in our water and  
26 wastewater systems for the benefit of Georgia citizens.

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