

House Resolution 1622

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Gardner of the 57th, Coomer of the 14th, Turner of the 21st, Gilligan of the 24th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 15th anniversary of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning
2 District; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 15 counties, 92 cities, and 55 water systems in the Metropolitan North
4 Georgia Water Planning District, or Metro Water District, have worked diligently over the
5 past 15 years to make metropolitan Atlanta one of the most water efficient regions in the
6 nation; and

7 WHEREAS, water users in the Metro Water District have reduced their per capita water
8 consumption by 30 percent since 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, 15 years ago, tiered water conservation pricing, "the more you use, the more
10 you pay per gallon," was rare; today, however, all of the Metro Water District's water
11 systems have implemented tiered water conservation rates; and

12 WHEREAS, a total of 42 jurisdictions offer toilet replacement rebates that have helped
13 replace over 110,000 old and inefficient toilets; and

14 WHEREAS, conservation efforts across the District have contributed to a 25 percent
15 decrease in 2050 water demand projections; and

16 WHEREAS, over 350 stakeholders participate in the Metro Water District board meetings,
17 Technical Coordinating Committees, and Basin Advisory Councils on an annual basis; and

18 WHEREAS, since 2001, local governments and other organizations within the Metro Water
19 District have provided over \$8 million in matching funds to support over \$12 million in
20 Section 319(h) water quality grants for the improvement of water quality and overall
21 watershed health to benefit Georgia's environment and citizens; and

22 WHEREAS, the Metro Water District is implementing a comprehensive water conservation
23 program that is required and enforced; and

24 WHEREAS, grease related sewer overflows have decreased by 55 percent across the Metro
25 Water District thanks to education programs implemented by local wastewater utilities and
26 jurisdictions; and

27 WHEREAS, last year over 2,700 people participated in the Metro Water District's four
28 signature annual events and competitions, and the Metro Water District partners hosted over
29 2,000 water education related activities across the region; and

30 WHEREAS, the Metro Water District was nationally recognized by the United States
31 Environmental Protection Agency and awarded the 2015 WaterSense Excellence Award for
32 Outreach and Education; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the accomplishments of the Metro Water
34 District be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body recognize the 15th anniversary of the Metropolitan North Georgia
37 Water Planning District and commend it on its commitment to water conservation and its
38 good stewardship of Georgia's water resources.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
41 Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.