

House Resolution 1742

By: Representative Thomas of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Proctor Creek Stewardship Council; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Proctor Creek Stewardship Council, chaired by Tony Torrence and Na'Taki
4 Jelks, is a community led grassroots organization driven by the values of stewardship,
5 sustainability, equity, and environmental justice for all; and

6 WHEREAS, the council's mission is to restore, revitalize, and protect the ecological health
7 of the Proctor Creek Watershed Basin and the quality of life of all its people and to make
8 Proctor Creek clean, accessible, and suitable for swimming and fishing; and

9 WHEREAS, the organization's goals are to develop environmental stewards who are strong
10 and empowered leaders; to develop an educated and empowered community that will
11 positively impact the restoration, revitalization, and protection of Proctor Creek and water
12 bodies in Georgia; and to advocate for the fair treatment and inclusion of the underserved
13 Proctor Creek communities in the planning and implementation of projects and the
14 enforcement of environmental policy, regulations, and laws; and

15 WHEREAS, the council collaborates with public and private partners to identify solutions
16 to the challenges facing the watershed and implement projects with community input; serves
17 as an interdisciplinary, scientific, and technical collaborative for information sharing on
18 watershed activities; and influences sustainable land use and water resource planning across
19 community boundaries; and

20 WHEREAS, through field trips, skill-building workshops, education, and capacity building,
21 community members learn the specifics of their own part of the watershed and their own
22 segment of the creek and then share their findings with the rest of the community in order
23 to find resources, identify solutions, and press for action; and

24 WHEREAS, the organization intends to restore Proctor Creek as a source of pride in their
25 community, a place where children can play and where people can be baptized and fish; and

26 WHEREAS, the Proctor Creek Stewardship Council is supported by partner organizations
27 such as the West Atlanta Watershed Alliance, Community Improvement Association,
28 Eco-Action, Georgia State University, West Side Communities Alliance, Help.org, and many
29 others; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
31 remarkable organization be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize and commend the Proctor Creek Stewardship Council
34 and extend their most sincere best wishes for the organization's continued success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 Proctor Creek Stewardship Council.