

Senate Resolution 19

By: Senators Williams of the 27th, Unterman of the 45th, Watson of the 1st, Ginn of the 47th, Hill of the 4th, and others

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Hannah Testa for her involvement in and commitment to environmental
2 sustainability and recognizing February 15th of this year as Plastic Pollution Awareness Day
3 at the capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, each year in the United States, Americans throw away billions of plastic water
7 bottles and use approximately 500 million single-use disposable plastic straws and up to 700
8 single-use disposable plastic bags; and

9 WHEREAS, virtually every plastic product ever produced still exists on this planet
10 somewhere and only about 9 percent of the plastics produced are ever recovered; and

11 WHEREAS, excess plastics affect life and resources on Earth in profound ways: production
12 of plastic products consumes precious fossil fuels; birds, fish, turtles, dolphins, sharks, and
13 whales are killed by being entangled in plastic or eating plastic products; and harmful
14 chemicals from certain plastics can be absorbed by the human body; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia consumers and retailers should seek out alternatives to using single-use
16 disposable plastic products, such as using paper straws and reusable bags; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia businesses should strive to reduce their plastic footprint by developing
18 and adopting improved environmental best practices; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia's citizens should consider a pledge to honor Plastic Pollution
20 Awareness Day by volunteering on that day to aid in the cleanup efforts of local streets,
21 rivers, lakes, or beaches and refusing to use single-use disposable plastic products; and

22 WHEREAS, the health and welfare of the environment and resources of this state depend,
23 in great measure, upon the dedication of private and corporate citizens working together to
24 achieve the common goal of sustainability.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend Hannah Testa for her involvement in and commitment to environmental
27 sustainability and recognize February 15, 2017, as Plastic Pollution Awareness Day at the
28 capitol.

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