

House Resolution 460

By: Representatives Holcomb of the 81st, Jones of the 25th, Cantrell of the 22nd, and Wilensky of the 79th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 7, 2019, as Electric Vehicle Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, electric vehicles provide significant benefits for Georgia's drivers; and

4 WHEREAS, they produce zero harmful tailpipe emissions, cost less money to fuel and
5 operate, reduce our dependence on oil imports, and offer millions of dollars in economic
6 value to the state; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia currently has more than 21,000 battery powered electric vehicles and
8 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles on the road, representing less than 3 percent of all vehicles
9 in Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, electric vehicles aid in reducing emissions, and Georgia's counties suffer from
11 reduced air quality and do not meet federal air quality standards; and

12 WHEREAS, increasing the number of electric vehicles driven over the number of
13 conventional gasoline vehicles driven will help to reduce overall emissions, reducing the
14 health related and economic costs of noncompliance; and

15 WHEREAS, electric vehicles put money in the pockets of Georgians through allowing them
16 to save on fuel and maintenance costs; and

17 WHEREAS, a recent study showed that an electric vehicle tax credit of \$2,500 for five years
18 would bring nearly 829 new jobs to Georgia, \$47.1 million in increased income to the state,
19 and \$87.5 million in gains to Georgia's Gross Domestic Product; and

20 WHEREAS, for every public dollar that supports this policy, \$7.59 private dollars are
21 invested back into the State of Georgia and Georgia's local economies; and

22 WHEREAS, Georgia has the unique opportunity to lead the southeast with supportive
23 electric vehicle policy and to be a hub for technology and innovation in the ever-evolving
24 transportation sector; and

25 WHEREAS, transitioning to electric vehicles will reduce our reliance on oil, save consumers
26 money in the form of reduced maintenance and fuel costs, improve air quality, and support
27 local economies through job creation and increased income; and

28 WHEREAS, the automobile market is moving towards electric vehicles, and major
29 manufacturers have plans to build more electric vehicles over the next few years; and

30 WHEREAS, Georgia should promote the use of electric vehicles and continue to be a
31 national leader in the automotive industry.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize March 7, 2019, as Electric Vehicle Day at the state
34 capitol.

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