

House Resolution 1033

By: Representatives Tankersley of the 160th, Blackmon of the 146th, Taylor of the 173rd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Cantrell of the 22nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commemorating the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation and the more than 70 local Keep
2 America Beautiful affiliates across the state who educate and inspire Georgians to take action
3 every day to improve and beautify their community environments; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation was created in 1978 by executive order
5 of Governor George Busbee; and
- 6 WHEREAS, there are now more than 70 local Keep America Beautiful Affiliates in Georgia,
7 representing one of the largest networks of local affiliates in the nation; and
- 8 WHEREAS, those affiliates reach more than 80 percent of Georgia's population with litter
9 prevention, waste reduction, recycling, and community beautification programs, including
10 the Great American Cleanup and the Bring One for the Chipper Christmas tree recycling
11 campaign; and
- 12 WHEREAS, these programs demonstrate measurable results, including reducing litter
13 collected during the Great American Cleanup by 75 percent over the last 15 years and
14 recycling more than 6 million Christmas trees since the start of the Chipper program; and
- 15 WHEREAS, more than 93,000 volunteers participate in Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation
16 and affiliate programs each year, representing a value of \$30 million annually to Georgia
17 taxpayers; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation returns \$161 in statewide benefits for
19 every \$1 invested by state government; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the work done by the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation and local affiliate
21 communities is critical in reducing crime and encouraging economic development in
22 Georgia.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commemorate the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation and
25 recognize and thank all 73 local affiliates and their volunteers for the positive impact their
26 work continues to have on the state of Georgia.

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.