

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to HR 245:

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's recycling and composting services and encouraging the Georgia
2 Department of Transportation to use recycled products in highway construction; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the recycling market infrastructure in Georgia continues to grow, and Georgia
5 is recognized as one of the most prominent recycling states in the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, there are many benefits to recycling, including the conservation of energy,
7 water, and other natural resources; and

8 WHEREAS, recycling helps keep toxic materials from entering our landfills and reduces
9 landfill gas emissions; and

10 WHEREAS, composting organic materials like yard trimmings and wood chips helps save
11 valuable landfill space and provides a manufacturing system for superior soil; and

12 WHEREAS, using compost helps enhance water retention and limits the need for frequent
13 outdoor watering; and

14 WHEREAS, highway construction has been viewed as a contributor to nonpoint source
15 pollution in this state's waterways; and

16 WHEREAS, the application of compost or shredded wood in highway construction and
17 rights of way has proven to be an effective erosion control method and can be left in place
18 after construction; and

19 WHEREAS, the use of recycled products can provide high quality, cost-effective products
20 with environmental benefits; and

1 WHEREAS, use of such products will further promote Georgia's recycling infrastructure,
2 will help meet performance expectations, and will compete favorably with regard to cost.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body commend Georgia's recycling and composting services and
5 encourage the Georgia Department of Transportation to use recycled products and materials
6 like compost and shredded wood in its construction and maintenance operations whenever
7 such products are available and cost effective.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Department of
10 Transportation.