

House Resolution 1079

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Dempsey of the 13th, Greene of the 154th, Taylor of the 173rd, and Jones of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation (KGBF) was created in 1978 by
4 executive order of Governor George Busbee; and

5 WHEREAS, there are nearly 70 local Keep America Beautiful Affiliates in Georgia,
6 representing one of the largest networks of local affiliates in the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, the affiliate network and statewide KGBF program impacts 80 percent of
8 Georgia's population through litter prevention, waste reduction, recycling, and community
9 beautification initiatives including the Greatest American Cleanup, America Recycles Day,
10 the Bring One for the Chipper Christmas tree recycling campaign, Southwest Georgia
11 Environmental Stewardship, Blight Reduction and Code Enforcement grants, and many
12 more; and

13 WHEREAS, these programs demonstrate measurable results including, reducing litter
14 collected during the Greatest American Cleanup by 75 percent over the last 15 years,
15 recycling more than 6 million Christmas trees since the start of the Chipper program,

16 providing 86 mini-grants to Georgia communities since the start of the program for a total
17 of \$400,000, including \$205,000 to communities with populations up to 10,000; and

18 WHEREAS, an average of 100,000 volunteers participate in KGBF and affiliate programs
19 each year, representing an annual average of \$87.31 million to Georgia taxpayers; and

20 WHEREAS, within the last 10 years, the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation had returned
21 an average of \$119 in statewide annual benefits for every \$1 invested by state government
22 to help reduce crime, encourage economic development, and provide clean, green, healthy,
23 and thriving communities.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation and recognize
26 Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation Day at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation.