

Senate Resolution 653

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Echols of the 49th, Sims of the 12th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Keep Georgia Beautiful Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation (KGBF) was created in 1978 by
3 executive order of Governor George Busbee; and
- 4 WHEREAS, there are now more than 70 local Keep America Beautiful Affiliates in Georgia,
5 representing one of the largest networks of local affiliates in the nation; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the affiliate network and statewide KGBF programs impact 80 percent of
7 Georgia's population through litter prevention, waste reduction, recycling, and community
8 beautification programs, including the Great American Cleanup, America Recycles Day, the
9 Bring One for the Chipper Christmas tree recycling campaign, and BRACE (Blight
10 Reduction and Code Enforcement) grants; and
- 11 WHEREAS, these programs demonstrate measurable results such as reducing litter collected
12 during the Great American Cleanup by 75 percent over the last 15 years, recycling more than
13 6 million Christmas trees since the start of the Chipper program, and providing 86
14 mini-grants to Georgia communities over the last two years for a total of \$400,000, including
15 \$205,000 to communities with populations up to 10,000; and

16 WHEREAS, an average of over 100,000 volunteers participate in Keep Georgia Beautiful
17 Foundation and affiliate programs each year, representing an annual value average of \$87.31
18 million to Georgia taxpayers; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize Keep Georgia Beautiful Day at the state capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
27 press.