

Senate Resolution 835

By: Senators Ginn of the 47th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, James of the 28th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority on the
2 occasion of its 40th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) was established in 1986
4 to provide innovative financing solutions for environmental infrastructure projects across the
5 state; and

6 WHEREAS, for 40 years, GEFA has played a vital role in improving Georgia's energy, land,
7 and water resources while supporting economic growth, public health, and community
8 development; and

9 WHEREAS, GEFA has administered critical state and federal financing programs, including
10 water and wastewater infrastructure loans, energy efficiency and renewable energy
11 initiatives, and land conservation efforts that benefit communities in every region of Georgia;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, through its stewardship of the Georgia Fund, Clean Water State Revolving
14 Fund, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and other financing mechanisms, GEFA has

15 invested billions of dollars in infrastructure projects that improve water quality, protect
16 public health, and enhance quality of life for Georgians; and

17 WHEREAS, the WaterFirst Program has recognized local governments demonstrating
18 exemplary water resource management practices that protect Georgia's water resources; and

19 WHEREAS, through its management of the State Energy Program, Weatherization
20 Assistance Program, and Energy performance contracting, GEFA has supported energy
21 efficiency, renewable energy, and resiliency projects that reduce energy use and stimulate
22 sustainable economic development; and

23 WHEREAS, GEFA's Fuel Storage Tank Program has provided a cleaner and healthier
24 environment for all Georgians through the management and monitoring of fuel storage tanks
25 at state facilities; and

26 WHEREAS, in its role as the lead agency for Emergency Support Function 12 Annex, GEFA
27 has promoted energy security planning and coordinated emergency response related to
28 energy and fuel during state-wide emergencies; and

29 WHEREAS, GEFA's commitment to serving rural and underserved communities has
30 strengthened local governments' ability to attract economic development and plan for
31 long-term sustainability; and

32 WHEREAS, the success of GEFA reflects the dedication and professionalism of its board
33 members, executive leadership, and staff, past and present, whose work has advanced
34 Georgia's environmental and economic priorities; and

35 WHEREAS, the 40th anniversary of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority provides
36 an appropriate opportunity to recognize its enduring contributions to the State of Georgia and
37 its citizens.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
39 commend and congratulate the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority on its 40th
40 anniversary and express sincere appreciation for its four decades of service to the people of
41 Georgia.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
44 Environmental Finance Authority.