

## Senate Resolution 876

By: Senators Ginn of the 47th, Echols of the 49th, Anavitarte of the 31st, James of the 28th, Brass of the 6th 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 across Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, GEFA has invested billions of dollars in infrastructure projects that improve  
13 water quality, protect public health, and enhance quality of life for Georgians; and

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

16 WHEREAS, GEFA has supported energy efficiency, renewable energy, and resiliency  
17 projects that reduce energy use and stimulate sustainable economic development; and

18 WHEREAS, GEFA has provided a cleaner and healthier environment for all Georgians  
19 through the management and monitoring of fuel storage tanks at state facilities; and

20 WHEREAS, GEFA has promoted energy security planning and coordinated emergency  
21 response related to energy and fuel during state-wide emergencies; and

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

25 WHEREAS, the 40th anniversary of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority provides  
26 an appropriate opportunity to recognize its enduring contributions to the State of Georgia.

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

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