

## House Resolution 1533

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## 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
39 the members of this body commend and congratulate the Georgia Environmental Finance  
40 Authority on its 40th anniversary and express sincere appreciation for its four decades of  
41 service to the people of Georgia.

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