

Senate Resolution 939

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Anderson of the 24th, Bearden of the 30th, Goodman of the 8th, Hickman of the 4th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning
2 District; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 15 counties, 97 cities, and 50 water systems in the Metropolitan North
4 Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District) have worked diligently over the past
5 25 years to establish metropolitan Atlanta as one of the most water-efficient regions in the
6 nation; and

7 WHEREAS, water users within the Metro Water District have successfully reduced their per
8 capita water consumption by more than 30 percent since 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, 25 years ago, tiered water conservation pricing was a rare concept, yet today
10 every water system within the Metro Water District has implemented tiered rates to
11 incentivize efficiency; and

12 WHEREAS, from 2008 to 2025, the District's toilet replacement rebate programs have
13 facilitated the installation of over 155,000 high-efficiency fixtures; and

14 WHEREAS, these comprehensive conservation efforts have contributed to a 28 percent
15 decrease in 2050 water demand projections; and

16 WHEREAS, more than 300 stakeholders actively participate in the Metro Water District's
17 Board meetings, Technical Coordinating Committees, and Basin Advisory Councils
18 annually; and

19 WHEREAS, local governments and partner organizations have provided over \$18 million
20 in local matching funds since 2001 to support \$17 million in Section 319(h) water quality
21 grants, directly improving watershed health for all Georgia citizens; and

22 WHEREAS, grease-related sewer overflows have decreased by over 70 percent across the
23 region due in part to the Metro Water District's education and asset management initiatives;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, in partnership with Georgia Public Broadcasting, the Metro Water District has
26 reached more than 100,000 K-8 students statewide with curriculum-aligned water education,
27 fostering a culture of water stewardship for future generations; and

28 WHEREAS, the Metro Water District was nationally recognized by the United States
29 Environmental Protection Agency with the 2024 WaterSense Sustained Excellence Award
30 for Outreach and Education; and

31 WHEREAS, the Metro Water District's implementation of a required and enforced water
32 resources management plan serves as a national model for regional coordination; and

33 WHEREAS, the District's measurable success in conservation and efficiency has
34 significantly strengthened the State of Georgia's position in securing and defending its
35 long-term water rights and resources; and

36 WHEREAS, the Metro Water District is uniquely poised to lead the region through future
37 growth by addressing the challenges of aging infrastructure and proactively mitigating
38 impacts to water quality and environmental resilience; and

39 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the accomplishments of the Metropolitan
40 North Georgia Water Planning District be appropriately recognized.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE the members of this body
42 recognize the 25th anniversary of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
43 and commend its steadfast commitment to water conservation and the responsible
44 stewardship of Georgia's water resources.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Metropolitan
47 North Georgia Water Planning District.