

House Resolution 253

By: Representatives Tankersley of the 160th, Dollar of the 45th, Kelley of the 16th, Taylor of the 173rd, and Ehrhart of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, housed in the Department of Community Affairs, the Keep Georgia Beautiful
4 Foundation is a public-private partnership that fosters connections with private citizens,
5 government officials, corporations, and community organizations in order to build and
6 sustain community environmental activities and behaviors that will result in a more beautiful
7 Georgia; and the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation has been working with volunteers for
8 forty years to protect and improve Georgia's environment; and

9 WHEREAS, established in 1978 by Governor George Busbee as Keep Georgia Beautiful,
10 the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation was the first state affiliate of Keep America
11 Beautiful and supports a network of over 78 local affiliates across the state, the programs of
12 which represent 80 percent of Georgia's population; thanks to these local programs, citizens
13 all over Georgia can enjoy clean, beautiful spaces; and

14 WHEREAS, each affiliate program of the foundation is tailored to meet the many aspects of
15 the sustainability goals of its local community, but they all share a common focus on litter
16 prevention, waste reduction, recycling, water resource management, and community
17 greening; and

18 WHEREAS, at the state level, the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation provides local
19 affiliates with the training, technical assistance, resources, and programing needed to make
20 a profound impact; and

21 WHEREAS, these local affiliates host clean-ups, offer recycling drives, and plant community
22 gardens, but their ultimate goal is to educate and change wasteful behaviors; each year, more
23 than 459,231 Georgians heed that message and actively volunteer to improve their
24 communities; and

25 WHEREAS, the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation affiliates contribute to Georgia's
26 economy, as Georgia is home to the second largest recycling manufacturing infrastructure
27 in the country; in 2018, local affiliates supported the recycling industry in Georgia by
28 collecting more than 19 million pounds of recyclable materials.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation
31 on 40 years of promoting clean and healthy environments in communities throughout this
32 state.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available to the Keep Georgia
35 Beautiful Foundation.