

House Resolution 114

By: Representatives Gaines of the 117th, Yearta of the 152nd, Smith of the 70th, Smith of the 133rd, Nix of the 69th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the
2 Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and their employees as an essential part of the supply
3 chain process needed for manufacturing and commending them for their economic
4 contributions to Georgia; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been essential to keep Georgia's
6 manufacturing industry operational; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia's manufacturing industry is a leader in the production of steel, paper
8 and paper products, electronics, aluminum, plastics, textiles, tires, and glass, and it continues
9 to produce these materials and products essential to the citizens of Georgia, the United States,
10 and the world; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's manufacturers must have a constant and reliable supply of raw
12 materials in order to produce these materials and products; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia's manufacturers would not have access to needed raw materials without
14 the collection, processing, and manufacturing of recyclable and recovered materials into raw
15 materials by Georgia's recycling industry; and

16 WHEREAS, as part of the United States Department of Homeland Security's CISA
17 Guidance; Order 04.02.20.01, Georgia recyclers are essential for the manufacturing of goods
18 and products and for maintaining the continuity of the manufacturing functions and
19 associated supply chains; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia's recyclers have followed all appropriate and required protocols and,
21 as a result, have operated safely, protecting their employees and customers; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, hundreds of thousands of tons of valuable recyclable
23 materials, such as automobiles, scrap metal, electronics, paper, glass, plastics, rubber, and
24 textiles, have been kept out of Georgia's landfills and manufactured into valuable raw
25 materials; and

26 WHEREAS, those raw materials have been used by manufacturers in Georgia and
27 throughout the world to manufacture products from toilet paper to respirators to new
28 automobiles; and

29 WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has provided used auto parts for reuse, allowing
30 Georgia's citizens to safely and economically repair their automobiles and maintain reliable
31 transportation throughout the pandemic; and

32 WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has collected, repaired, and redeployed tens of
33 thousands of mobile technology devices, becoming an alternative supplier to education and
34 corporate entities, facilitating students' remote learning, and supporting our great citizens
35 working from home when international supply chains were disrupted during the pandemic,
36 causing shortages of these devices; and

37 WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has collected, sorted, and reclaimed plastic
38 products and packaging, which could be used as feedstock to manufacture products that
39 enhance hygiene and sanitation, such as disposable hospital gowns and garbage bags; and

40 WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has continued to collect and recycle scrap tires,
41 protecting public health and the environment and producing valuable rubber products such
42 as those used in vital infrastructure projects.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
44 the members of this body recognize the Georgia Recyclers Association, the Georgia
45 Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries as an essential part of
46 the supply chain needed for the production and manufacture of goods and products in
47 Georgia and throughout the world.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend the Georgia
49 Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling
50 Industries for their role in maintaining the economic viability of the supply chain for
51 Georgia's manufacturers and their employees.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
53 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
54 members of the Georgia Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the
55 Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries.