

House Resolution 1301

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Buckner of the 137th, Hugley of the 136th, Smith of the 134th, and Smith of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the Georgia General Assembly and the United States Corps of Engineers to perform
2 additional environmental studies and evaluate the riverbanks of the Chattahoochee River
3 above Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, in recent years, Lake Oliver in Columbus, Georgia, has suffered from increased
5 siltation from upstream development and runoff; and
- 6 WHEREAS, certain public utilities and public water system reservoirs are exempt from the
7 provisions of the Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975; and
- 8 WHEREAS, today's environmental issues demand greater scrutiny by the Georgia General
9 Assembly with respect to operations of certain public utilities and public water system
10 reservoirs; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Council of Columbus, Georgia, desires that the local legislative delegation
12 to the Georgia General Assembly consider amendments to, or removal of, such exceptions
13 to the Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975 so as to better protect public water system
14 reservoirs such as Lake Oliver in Columbus, Georgia; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Council of Columbus, Georgia, further desires that the Georgia General
16 Assembly and the United States Corps of Engineers perform additional environmental
17 studies at appropriate intervals to evaluate water flows, water quality, siltation, and
18 sedimentation buildup on riverbanks in the Chattahoochee River above Columbus, Georgia.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body urge the Georgia General Assembly and the United States Corps
21 of Engineers to perform additional environmental studies and evaluate the riverbanks of the
22 Chattahoochee River above Columbus, Georgia.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 public and the press.