

House Resolution 1301

By: Representative Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, the Environmental Protection  
2 Agency, and the DeKalb County government to resolve sewage pollution and spills; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, sewage pollution and spills have been a persistent issue in various areas of  
5 DeKalb County, disproportionately affecting predominantly Black "non-priority" areas; and

6 WHEREAS, the health and well-being of residents in these areas are compromised due to  
7 the adverse effects of sewage pollution on the environment and public health; and

8 WHEREAS, it is essential to address these issues promptly and ensure that all residents of  
9 DeKalb County have access to clean and safe environments; and

10 WHEREAS, there is a disparity between the prioritization of areas in DeKalb County, with  
11 North DeKalb receiving preferential treatment over South DeKalb.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
13 the members of this body urge the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, the  
14 Environmental Protection Agency, and the DeKalb County government to take immediate

15 and comprehensive actions to fix and eliminate sewage pollution and spills in predominantly  
16 Black "non-priority" areas of DeKalb County.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the Georgia  
18 Environmental Protection Division, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the DeKalb  
19 County government to establish a date certain within a consent decree for the resolution of  
20 sewage pollution and spills in these areas, prioritizing the protection of the environment and  
21 the health of residents.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage the Georgia  
23 Environmental Protection Division, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the DeKalb  
24 County government to treat South DeKalb with the same level of priority as North DeKalb  
25 in addressing sewage pollution and spills, ensuring that equitable resources and efforts are  
26 allocated to both regions.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
29 officials of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, the Environmental Protection  
30 Agency, and the DeKalb County government.