

House Resolution 1504

By: Representatives Knight of the 134th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 74th, Camp of the 135th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Department of Energy to ensure the feasibility of tankless water
2 heaters; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rinnai America opened its first United States headquarters in 1974 and has
4 been at the forefront of tankless water heater technology; and

5 WHEREAS, it invested over \$70 million to construct and open the first gas tankless water
6 heater manufacturing facility in the United States, a 360,000 square foot manufacturing
7 facility in the City of Griffin in the County of Spalding; and

8 WHEREAS, it employs 122 high-wage workers at this facility; and

9 WHEREAS, its commitment to the State of Georgia has led to new jobs and local revenue,
10 providing essential economic benefits to the local community and the state; and

11 WHEREAS, it is a global leader in advancing research and development in energy efficiency
12 for home appliances, including opening Rinnai America's 25,110 square foot Innovation
13 Center of Excellence in 2019; and

14 WHEREAS, its non-condensing tankless water heaters can achieve over 80 percent
15 efficiency; and

16 WHEREAS, sales of non-condensing gas tankless water heaters alone saved 339 million
17 MMBtus (0.34 quads) and 37.7 billion pounds (17 million metric tons) of carbon emissions
18 between 2005 and 2022; and

19 WHEREAS, a recent Department of Energy proposed rule, "Energy Conservation Standards
20 for Consumer Water Heaters" (Docket# EERE-2017-BT-STD-0019), unnecessarily removes
21 highly efficient technologies from the home appliance market, restricts consumer choice, and
22 harms Georgia manufacturing investments; and

23 WHEREAS, a bipartisan group of members from Georgia's delegations to the United States
24 Senate and the United States House of Representatives have formally expressed concerns
25 with the impact of this water heater rule on Georgia's workers and consumers.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Rinnai America's long-term investment
28 in Georgia and call upon the United States Department of Energy to amend any final
29 regulation "Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Water Heaters" (Docket #
30 EERE-2017-BT-STD-0019) to ensure that no standard is promulgated that creates
31 technological infeasibility for non-condensing tankless water heaters that would put the jobs
32 and economic benefits from Rinnai America's facility in the City of Griffin at severe risk.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 President of the United States and members of the Georgia Congressional delegation.