

House Resolution 1634

By: Representatives Park of the 101st, Clark of the 108th, Moore of the 95th, Allen of the 40th, Williams of the 37th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the governor of Georgia to join the United States Climate Alliance; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, climate change presents a serious threat to the environment and to Georgia's
4 residents, communities, and economy; and

5 WHEREAS, from rising sea levels along the Georgia coast to historic droughts in 2007 and
6 2016 and destructive storms like Hurricane Michael, Georgians are already experiencing the
7 consequences of a warming planet; and

8 WHEREAS, state leaders are tasked with upholding the health and safety of Georgians as
9 well as promoting economic development in our state; and

10 WHEREAS, coordinated action by local, state, and federal actors to protect the air we
11 breathe, the water we drink, and the land we call home will help take care of Georgia for
12 future generations; and

13 WHEREAS, the United States Climate Alliance is a bipartisan coalition of governors
14 committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and taking smart, coordinated state action
15 to ensure that the United States continues to contribute to the global effort to address climate
16 change; and

17 WHEREAS, United States Climate Alliance members are growing clean energy economies,
18 creating new jobs, reducing air pollution, improving public health, and building more
19 resilient communities; and

20 WHEREAS, United States Climate Alliance members have attracted billions of dollars of
21 new investment in their states and helped create more than 1.7 million clean energy jobs; and

22 WHEREAS, United States Climate Alliance members are working together to enhance the
23 resilience of their infrastructure to extreme weather events; build clean and affordable
24 electricity markets for the future; clean up America's transportation system; protect the health
25 of their citizens from vehicle pollution; support economic growth and improve public health;
26 identify the best practices for land conservation, management, and restoration; and mitigate
27 the harmful effects of climate change on forests, farmland, ranchland, grasslands, wetlands,
28 and urban land.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body urge the governor of Georgia to join the United States Climate
31 Alliance to accelerate the deployment of climate solutions that boost Georgia's economy,
32 protect the health of Georgians of all backgrounds, and preserve Georgia for future
33 generations.

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