

## Senate Resolution 315

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognize the City of Atlanta's efforts to improve the quality of water; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the infrastructure that brings water to and from homes and businesses is  
4 essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of the City of Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is currently boring a five mile tunnel to upgrade  
6 infrastructure for generations to come; and

7 WHEREAS, that tunnel will fill an abandoned quarry with 2.4 billion gallons of drinking  
8 water in a \$350 million investment; and

9 WHEREAS, the tunnel boring machine was named "Driller Mike" in honor of a native  
10 Atlanta resident, Michael Render, also known as "Killer Mike"; and

11 WHEREAS, Michael Render has used his platform as a Grammy-winning rapper to help  
12 bring the value of water to mainstream audiences; and

13 WHEREAS, he has been quoted as saying, "I don't ever want to cry for Atlanta like I've cried  
14 for places like Flint. Water is a right that people deserve. This is an equitable distribution  
15 of water. I drink it out of the tap, so that matters to me. I'm proud of Atlanta because we will  
16 always talk from a place of power"; and

17 WHEREAS, a single day without water would cost the Atlanta economy \$100 million; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is dedicated to supporting investments in our water systems  
19 for the benefit of our citizens, now and into the future.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize that "Driller Mike" and Michael Render are outstanding ambassadors of the City  
22 of Atlanta's commitment to providing clean, safe drinking water.

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Michael Render.