

Senate Resolution 695

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 42nd, Unterman of the 45th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Hannah Fazila Testa for her involvement in and commitment to environmental
2 sustainability and recognizing February 15, 2018, as Plastic Pollution Awareness Day at the
3 state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability;
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, environmental sustainability is about making responsible decisions on corporate
7 and personal levels that will mitigate negative impacts on the environment; and
- 8 WHEREAS, each year, Americans throw away billions of water bottles and use up to 700
9 single-use disposable bags and approximately 500 million disposable straws; and
- 10 WHEREAS, pollution affects life and resources on Earth in profound ways: birds, fish,
11 turtles, dolphins, sharks, and whales are killed by being entangled in ocean pollution or by
12 eating nonbiodegradable products; and harmful chemicals from certain products can be
13 absorbed by the human body; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Georgia businesses should strive to reduce their environmental footprint by
15 developing and adopting improved environmental best practices; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Georgia's citizens should consider a pledge to honor environmental
17 sustainability by volunteering to aid in the cleanup efforts of local streets, rivers, lakes, or
18 beaches; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Georgia consumers should seek out alternatives to single-use products; and

20 WHEREAS, the health and welfare of the environment and resources of this state depend,
21 in great measure, upon the dedication of private and corporate citizens working together to
22 achieve the common goal of sustainability.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend Hannah Fazila Testa for her involvement in and commitment to environmental
25 sustainability and recognize February 15, 2018, as Plastic Pollution Awareness Day at the
26 state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Hannah Testa, the
29 public, and the press.