

## House Resolution 1257

By: Representatives McCall of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, England of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Trammell of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, and Frye of the 118<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's eight food banks and recognizing March 5, 2020, as Georgia Food  
2 Bank Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in Georgia, 14.4 percent of all citizens and 20 percent of children are food  
4 insecure, meaning they do not always know when or where they will find their next meal;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has eight regional food banks that are associated with the  
7 Feeding America network; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia's food banks work collectively with nearly 2,400 partner agencies and  
9 congregations located throughout Georgia's 159 counties to distribute more than 150 million  
10 pounds of food annually to those in need in this state; and

11 WHEREAS, the eight food banks are Food Bank of Northeast Georgia (Athens),  
12 Chattanooga Area Food Bank (Dalton), Atlanta Community Food Bank (Atlanta) with  
13 Georgia Mountain Food Bank (Gainesville), Middle Georgia Community Food Bank  
14 (Macon), Golden Harvest Food Bank (Augusta), Feeding the Valley (Columbus), America's  
15 Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia (Savannah), and Second Harvest of South Georgia  
16 (Valdosta); and

17 WHEREAS, these food banks work tirelessly to decrease food insecurity for low-income and  
18 needy children, seniors, and working families in Georgia, serving 156,000 individual clients  
19 per week; and

20 WHEREAS, these food banks work collaboratively with the state to provide a healthy and  
21 adequate food supply for Georgians in need; and

22 WHEREAS, many of these food banks have come together to form the Georgia Food Bank  
23 Association in order to better coordinate statewide initiatives with the common goal of  
24 ending hunger in Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these  
26 food banks be appropriately recognized for the food, food safety, and nutrition services they  
27 provide to Georgians.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Georgia's eight food banks for their many years of  
30 efficient, effective, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state and recognize  
31 March 5, 2020, as Georgia Food Bank Day at the state capitol.

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