

Senate Resolution 242

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Kirk of the 13th, Burke of the 11th, Black of the 8th, Sims of the 12th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 4, 2019, as Peanut Butter
2 and Jelly Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, peanuts and peanut products are recognized throughout the nation and the world
4 as an appetizing and nutritious food, providing protein and other nutrients as part of a
5 well-balanced diet; and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia leads the United States in peanut production, having
7 produced nearly 50 percent of the total supply in the nation in 2018; and

8 WHEREAS, this state also leads the nation in peanut exports, supplying 50 percent of the
9 United States peanut exports and contributing over \$335 million toward the nation's balance
10 of trade; and

11 WHEREAS, peanut production is the largest single cash food row crop in Georgia with gross
12 farm receipts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars; and

13 WHEREAS, more than 250 Georgia companies engaged in warehousing, processing,
14 manufacturing, and marketing depend totally on the peanut industry, and hundreds of other
15 Georgia companies that engage in financing, supplying, distributing, and transporting are
16 dependent to some extent on the peanut industry; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia peanut industry has played a significant role in the economic
18 growth and prosperity of this state, contributing an estimated \$2 billion to the Georgia
19 economy and supporting the livelihood of more than 150,000 Georgians.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend the peanut industry for its outstanding contributions to the economic health of the

22 State of Georgia and recognize March 4, 2019, as Peanut Butter and Jelly Day at the state
23 capitol.

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 Georgia Peanut
26 Commission.