

## Senate Resolution 352

By: Senators Burke of the 11th, Kirk of the 13th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Harper of the 7th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing the great leadership of the American Peanut Shellers  
2 Association; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, during the years 1917 and 1918, commercial peanut shellers and crushers in  
4 Alabama, Florida, and Georgia recognized the need for an organization to promote the  
5 peanut industry in the southeastern United States; and

6 WHEREAS, as a result of that recognized need and discussions, the Southeastern Peanut  
7 Association was chartered on April 5, 1919, and thus is the oldest organized group in the  
8 United States peanut industry; and

9 WHEREAS, over the century since its organization, the Southeastern Peanut Association,  
10 now known as the American Peanut Shellers Association, has been at the forefront of  
11 leadership in the American peanut industry, promoting that industry in the United States and  
12 throughout the world; and

13 WHEREAS, in furtherance of its mission to promote the peanut industry, American Peanut  
14 Shellers Association began to cosponsor the USA Peanut Congress, which is the largest  
15 meeting of all elements of the United States peanut industry; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1986, recognizing that the organization had outgrown its Albany office, a  
17 new headquarters office was completed in Albany, Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, since the Association's mission had expanded throughout the United States, its  
19 name was changed in 1993 from the Southeastern Peanut Association to the American  
20 Peanut Association to more accurately reflect its role; and

21 WHEREAS, recognizing in the 1990s the need to promote the nutritional benefits of peanuts,  
22 the American Peanut Shellers Association formed The Peanut Institute in 1996; and

23 WHEREAS, The Peanut Institute has promoted nutritional research through outside  
24 universities and other organizations which have verified the outstanding nutritional benefits  
25 of peanuts; and

26 WHEREAS, recognizing such benefits, the Food and Drug Administration, pursuant to the  
27 leadership of The Peanut Institute, granted nuts a qualified health claim; and

28 WHEREAS, the Association continues to be an effective voice for the promotion of the  
29 peanut industry and peanuts' nutritional benefits through its members, committees, and board  
30 working collectively to meet its adopted annual goals and objectives.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend and recognize the great benefits of the American peanut resulting from a century  
33 of effective leadership provided by the American Peanut Shellers Association.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the American  
36 Peanut Shellers Association.