

House Resolution 326

By: Representatives Ray of the 128th, Purcell of the 147th, James of the 140th, Floyd of the 138th, Hudson of the 156th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia peanut industry and inviting Terry Pickle, President of the Georgia
2 Peanut Producers Association, to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other
3 purposes.

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

7 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia leads the United States in peanut production, producing
8 nearly 40 percent of the total supply in the nation. Further, our state leads the nation in
9 peanut exports, supplying 30 percent of the U.S. peanut exports, contributing over \$90
10 million toward our nation's balance of trade; and

11 WHEREAS, peanut production is the largest single cash food row crop in Georgia with gross
12 farm receipts averaging over \$400 million for the past five years; and

13 WHEREAS, more than 250 Georgia companies engaged in warehousing, processing,
14 manufacturing, and marketing totally depend 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 our state, contributing an estimated \$1 billion to the Georgia
19 economy and supporting the livelihood of more than 150,000 Georgians.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize and salute the outstanding contributions made by the
22 peanut industry to the economic health of the State of Georgia.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Georgia Peanut Producers
2 Association, Mr. Terry Pickle of Miller County, is invited to appear before the House of
3 Representatives on March 1, 2001, at a time to be determined by the Speaker of the House
4 of Representatives.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Peanut
7 Producers Association.