

Senate Resolution 243

By: Senator Ragan of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia peanut industry; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, the Georgia peanut industry has played a significant role in the economic
16 growth and prosperity of our state, contributing an estimated \$1 billion to the Georgia
17 economy and supporting the livelihood of more than 150,000 Georgians.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize and salute the outstanding contributions made by the peanut industry to the
20 economic health of the State of Georgia.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Peanut Producers
3 Association.