

House Resolution 541

By: Representatives McCall of the 30th, Roberts of the 154th, Burns of the 157th, Black of the 174th, McBrayer of the 153rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Peanut Commission and Mr. Don Koehler; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, peanuts are a \$2 billion industry in Georgia, and this state produces 49 percent
4 of the peanuts in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia has 14,000 farms with peanuts and about 4,500 active peanut farmers;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, there are approximately 200 peanut related businesses in Georgia, and the
8 peanut industry contributes more than 50,000 jobs in this state; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Peanut Commission was established in 1961 under the
10 Commodities Promotion Act and conducts programs in the areas of promotion, research, and
11 education; and

12 WHEREAS, run by a governing board of peanut farmers, the Georgia Peanut Commission
13 helps lead the peanut industry to success; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Don Koehler has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
15 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
16 of the citizens of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Koehler has diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and
18 energy to the Georgia Peanut Commission as the organization's executive director since
19 1986; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Koehler's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
21 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of Georgia's
22 peanut farmers have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, a resident of Tifton, Georgia, Mr. Koehler has served with honor and distinction
25 with the Georgia Peanut Commission, and his vision and unyielding commitment have set
26 the standard for public service.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize the Georgia Peanut Commission for its invaluable
29 service to the peanut industry and the peanut farmers of Georgia and commend Mr. Don
30 Koehler for his decades of leadership and guidance.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia Peanut
33 Commission and Mr. Don Koehler.