

Senate Resolution 763

By: Senators Golden of the 8th, Carter of the 1st, Hill of the 4th, Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 1, 2012, as Georgia Food Bank Association Day at the capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, millions of Americans, including many Georgians, are impacted by the
4 economic downturn, with both adults and children being affected and finding themselves
5 needing assistance with food; and

6 WHEREAS, 17.8 percent of Georgians find themselves struggling with hunger, and 27.9
7 percent of all Georgia children are food-insecure or hungry; and

8 WHEREAS, 39 percent of these food-insecure children reside in homes that have annual
9 incomes above 185 percent of the federal poverty level; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Food Bank Association is composed of seven regional food banks
11 which are members and associated with the Feeding America network; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Food Bank Association's seven individual food banks work
13 collectively with more than 2,500 partner agencies and pantries, many of which are located
14 throughout Georgia's 159 counties to distribute 75 million pounds of food to those in need
15 annually in the state; and

16 WHEREAS, the seven food banks and their distribution partners are Food Bank of Northeast
17 Georgia (Athens), Atlanta Community Food Bank, Georgia Mountain Food Bank
18 (Gainesville), Feeding the Valley (Columbus), Middle Georgia Community Food Bank
19 (Macon), Golden Harvest Food Bank (Augusta), Second Harvest of South Georgia (Valdosta
20 and Albany), and America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia (Savannah);

21 WHEREAS, these food banks work tirelessly to increase food security for low-income and
22 needy children, seniors, and working families in Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, these food banks work collaboratively with the state to provide healthy and
24 adequate food supply, coordinating and maximizing their efforts through the Georgia Food
25 Bank Association; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 distinguished organization, including their member entities, be appropriately recognized for
28 the food, food safety, and nutrition services it provides to Georgians.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 honor and commend the Georgia Food Bank Association and its member entities for their
31 many years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of
32 this state and recognize February 1, 2012, as Georgia Food Bank Association Day at the
33 capitol.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Food Bank Association.