

## House Resolution 1227

By: Representatives Martin of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, and Jones of the 46<sup>th</sup>

## 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body honor and commend the Georgia Food Bank Association and its  
31 member entities for their many years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public  
32 service to the citizens of this state and recognize February 1, 2012, as Georgia Food Bank  
33 Association Day at the capitol.

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