

House Resolution 620

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 5, 2013, as Georgia Food Bank Association Day at the state 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, 17.4 percent of Georgia households find themselves struggling with hunger, and
7 28.3 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 of 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 2,300 partner agencies and pantries, many of which are located
14 throughout Georgia's 159 counties to distribute 90 million pounds of food to those in need
15 annually in this 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); and

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 a 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 its member entities, be appropriately recognized for the
28 food, food safety, and nutritional 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 March 5, 2013, as Georgia Food Bank
33 Association Day at the state 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.