

House Resolution 1569

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Gardner of the 57th, Lindsey of the 54th, Abrams of the 89th, Brooks of the 55th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Atlanta Community Food Bank on the occasion of its 35th
2 anniversary and for its contributions to the people of the State of Georgia; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Community Food Bank was founded in 1979 by Bill Bolling in the
5 basement of St. Luke's Episcopal Church; and

6 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Community Food Bank serves 58,900 people, who are now
7 receiving emergency food each week through a network of more than 600 nonprofit partner
8 agencies; and

9 WHEREAS, 94 cents of every dollar donated to the Atlanta Community Food Bank go
10 directly to services in the community to help fight hunger; and

11 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Community Food Bank provided 72 percent of the food distributed
12 by partner food pantries, 47 percent of the food served at partner soup kitchens, and 31
13 percent of the food served at partner shelters in 2009; and

14 WHEREAS, it was able to distribute \$9.21 worth of grocery products back into the
15 community for every \$1.00 donated; and

16 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Community Food Bank's volunteers served 106,418 hours in
17 support of the Atlanta Community Food Bank's mission in fiscal year 2012-2013, the
18 equivalent of hours served by 52 full-time staff members; and

19 WHEREAS, it is one of more than 200 food banks that are members of Feeding America,
20 the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization; and

21 WHEREAS, the mission of the Atlanta Community Food Bank is to fight hunger by
22 engaging and educating and empowering our community; and

23 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Community Food Bank also operates seven projects that enhance
24 its mission: Atlanta Prosperity Campaign, Atlanta's Table, Community Gardens, Hunger 101,
25 Hunger Walk/Run, Kids In Need, and Product Rescue Center.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend the Atlanta Community Food Bank on the
28 occasion of its 35th anniversary and for its volunteering services and contributions to the
29 people of the State of Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Atlanta Community
32 Food Bank.