

Senate Resolution 591

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Jones of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th and Harbin of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 26, 2015, as Georgia Food Bank Association Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in Georgia, 18.9 percent of citizens and 28.1 percent of children are food
4 insecure, meaning they do not always know where they will find their next meal; and

5 WHEREAS, of these food insecure children, 29 percent reside in homes that have annual
6 incomes above 185 percent of the federal poverty level; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Food Bank Association is composed of eight regional food banks,
8 which are associated with the Feeding America network; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Food Bank Association's eight individual food banks work
10 collectively with nearly 2,500 partner agencies and congregations, many of which are located
11 throughout Georgia's 159 counties, to distribute more than 121 million pounds of food
12 annually to those in need in this state; and

13 WHEREAS, the eight food banks and their distribution partners are Food Bank of Northeast
14 Georgia (Athens), Chattanooga Area Food Bank/Food Bank of Northwest Georgia (Dalton),
15 Atlanta Community Food Bank (Atlanta) with Georgia Mountain Food Bank (Gainesville),
16 Middle Georgia Community Food Bank (Macon), Golden Harvest Food Bank (Augusta),
17 Feeding the Valley (Columbus), America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia (Savannah),
18 and Second Harvest of South Georgia (Valdosta); and

19 WHEREAS, these food banks work tirelessly to decrease food insecurity for low-income and
20 needy children, seniors, and working families in Georgia, serving 156,500 individual clients
21 every week; and

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

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend the Georgia Food Bank Association and its member entities for their many years
30 of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state and
31 recognize March 26, 2015, as Georgia Food Bank Association Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Food
34 Bank Association.