

Senate Resolution 1099

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Harper of the 7th, Black of the 8th, Burke of the 11th and Kirk of the 13th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 16, 2016, as Peanut Butter  
2 and Jelly Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, peanuts and peanut products are recognized throughout our nation and the  
4 world as an appetizing and nutritious food, providing protein and other nutrients as part of  
5 a well-balanced diet; and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia leads the United States in peanut production, producing 57  
7 percent of the total supply in the nation in 2015. Further, our state leads the nation in peanut  
8 exports, supplying 50 percent of the U.S. peanut exports and contributing over \$329 million  
9 toward our nation's balance of trade; and

10 WHEREAS, peanut production is the largest single cash food row crop in Georgia with gross  
11 farm receipts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars; and

12 WHEREAS, more than 250 Georgia companies engaged in warehousing, processing,  
13 manufacturing, and marketing totally depend on the peanut industry, and hundreds of other  
14 Georgia companies that engage in financing, supplying, distributing, and transporting are  
15 dependent to some extent on the peanut industry; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia peanut industry has played a significant role in the economic  
17 growth and prosperity of our state, contributing an estimated \$1.25 billion to the Georgia  
18 economy and supporting the livelihood of more than 150,000 Georgians.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 commend the peanut industry for its outstanding contributions to the economic health of the  
21 State of Georgia and recognize March 16, 2016, as Peanut Butter and Jelly Day at the capitol.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
23 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Peanut  
24 Commission.