

## House Resolution 1298

By: Representatives McCall of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Pirkle of the 155<sup>th</sup>, Harden of the 148<sup>th</sup>, Epps of the 144<sup>th</sup>, McGowan of the 138<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 12, 2018, as Peanut Butter  
2 and Jelly Day at the state 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  
7 nearly 50 percent of the total supply in the nation in 2017. Further, our state leads the nation  
8 in peanut exports, supplying 50 percent of the United States peanut exports, contributing  
9 more than \$418 million 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body commend the peanut industry for its outstanding contributions to  
21 the economic health of the State of Georgia and recognize March 12, 2018, as Peanut Butter  
22 and Jelly Day at the capitol.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
25 Georgia Peanut Commission.