

House Resolution 263

By: Representatives Pirkle of the 155th, Houston of the 170th, Watson of the 172nd, McCall of the 33rd, England of the 116th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending J. Frank "Mr. Peanut Man" McGill on his outstanding public
2 service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, J. Frank "Mr. Peanut Man" McGill has long been recognized by the citizens
4 of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Frank has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service within the Georgia agriculture industry; and

9 WHEREAS, he served as a county Extension agent, the Georgia Extension Service's general
10 agronomist and peanut specialist, and as a peanut consultant with M&M Mars; and

11 WHEREAS, Frank was a member of the University of Georgia's Extension peanut team that
12 developed a multi-discipline approach for Georgia peanut production; during his tenure with
13 the team, Georgia's peanut yield increased from 955 pounds per acre in 1955 to 3,220 pounds
14 per acre in 1974; and

15 WHEREAS, his work also went global; Frank was invited to 16 countries across five
16 continents to review research and Extension programs, as well as to assist with peanut
17 production in underdeveloped countries to aid in the fight against hunger; and

18 WHEREAS, during his career, Frank served as the president of the American Research and
19 Education Society; chairman of the University of Georgia Agronomists, the United States
20 Task Force on Peanut Policy, and the United States Peanut Improvement Working Group;
21 he was a technical adviser to the Georgia Peanut Commission, the United States Senate
22 Agriculture Committee, the National Peanut Council, and the National Peanut Growers
23 Group; and

24 WHEREAS, Frank earned numerous awards and accolades for his work in the agriculture
25 industry, including being named Man of the Year by *Progressive Farmer Magazine* and
26 being awarded the D.W. Brooks Distinguished Professor of Agronomy; and

27 WHEREAS, Frank became the first member of the Georgia Peanut Hall of Fame and was
28 presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Georgia Peanut Hall of Fame in
29 1999; he also received an award as a distinguished faculty member at the University of
30 Georgia and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural
31 College; and

32 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
33 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
35 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize and commend J. Frank "Mr. Peanut Man" McGill for his
38 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend
39 the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to J.
42 Frank "Mr. Peanut Man" McGill.