

Senate Resolution 753

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Burke of the 11th, Harper of the 7th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 2, 2020, as Peanut Butter and Jelly Day at the state capitol and
2 commending the Georgia peanut industry; 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 approximately 50 percent of the total supply in the nation in 2019; furthermore, our state
8 leads the nation in peanut exports, supplying 50 percent of the United States peanut exports
9 and contributing more than \$343 million toward the 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 \$2 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 recognize March 2, 2020, as Peanut Butter and Jelly Day at the state capitol and commend
21 the peanut industry for its outstanding contributions to the economic health of the State of
22 Georgia.

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