

House Resolution 461

By: Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, Frye of the 122nd, and Persinger of the 119th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia for its mission of connecting neighbors with
2 nourishing food, its expansion to better serve communities across Northeast Georgia, and its
3 ongoing contributions to economic stability, workforce development, and community
4 well-being; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, a thriving workforce, strong families, and a resilient economy all rely on access
6 to nutritious food, ensuring that Georgians can learn, work, and contribute to their
7 communities without the burden of food insecurity; and

8 WHEREAS, the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia has been a beacon of hope and provision
9 for families across the region, distributing over 15.5 million pounds in 2024 across its
10 15-county service area, reinforcing the importance of community-based solutions to food
11 insecurity; and

12 WHEREAS, through deep-rooted partnerships with Georgia's farmers, businesses,
13 faith-based organizations, nonprofits, and local leaders, the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia
14 transforms every dollar into real impact, leveraging resources to serve those in need with
15 compassion, dignity, and efficacy; and

16 WHEREAS, the recent expansion of the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, including the
17 construction of a state-of-the-art 65,000-square-foot facility in Athens, marks a significant
18 step toward ensuring greater food distribution capacity, reduction of food waste, and the
19 enhancement of services to families across Northeast Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, food insecurity impacts working families, seniors on fixed incomes, children
21 who rely on school meal programs, and veterans who have bravely served our nation,
22 underscoring the essential nature of food and the role it plays in both our humanity and
23 ability to reach our individual and collective potential; and

24 WHEREAS, the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia's commitment to strengthening local food
25 systems also benefits Georgia's agricultural sector by sourcing fresh, locally grown produce
26 and building farm-to-table initiatives that keep food local, sustainable, and accessible; and

27 WHEREAS, ensuring Northeast Georgia families have access to a variety of food not only
28 improves educational outcomes for children but also strengthens the workforce and increases
29 economic independence, reinforcing the vital role of food security in our communities and
30 the immeasurable impact of the family table; and

31 WHEREAS, public-private investments in food security reflect Georgia's values of
32 responsible government, strong families, and economic prosperity, as every dollar invested
33 in hunger relief leverages taxpayer dollars into the Georgia economy while expanding
34 grocery budgets when necessary.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia for its mission of
37 connecting neighbors with nourishing food, its expansion to better serve families, and its

38 continued commitment to fighting food insecurity through innovative, community-driven
39 solutions.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body recognize the vital role food
41 security plays in ensuring Georgia remains a place where every family has the opportunity
42 to thrive and express their support for efforts that uphold the well-being of Georgia's
43 families, veterans, seniors, and children.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
46 Food Bank of Northeast Georgia.