

House Resolution 1219

By: Representatives Dreyer of the 59th, Cannon of the 58th, Shannon of the 84th, Nguyen of the 89th, and Gardner of the 57th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Radical Dishes Co-Operative "RADDISH"; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Radical Dishes Co-Operative "RADDISH" was organized in September 2016
4 by friends Tyler Tolson and Rebecca Dickerson as a grassroots, Atlanta-based organization
5 with a mission of bringing together friends and volunteers to prepare and deliver weekly
6 vegan meals to homeless youth; and

7 WHEREAS, RADDISH coordinators meet every Wednesday with friends and volunteers to
8 create meals for next-day delivery to shelters and clinics in the Atlanta metro area; and

9 WHEREAS, current coordinators for RADDISH are Rebecca Dickerson, John van Remmen,
10 Xan Nichols, Tyler Tolson, Chelsea Foster, and Amy Hood; and

11 WHEREAS, though the vast majority of RADDISH coordinators and volunteers are vegan,
12 LGBTQ, or both, the organization is built on a foundation of ethics rather than identity, with
13 a goal of promoting access to compassionate and sustainable food for all; and

14 WHEREAS, a December 2017 report on homelessness by WalletHub ranked Atlanta as the
15 sixth "Neediest City" in America when comparing more than 180 United States cities for 25
16 key indicators of economic disadvantage, such as child poverty, food insecurity, and
17 uninsured rates; and

18 WHEREAS, RADDISH currently serves weekly vegan meals to two shelters in the Atlanta
19 area: Covenant House Youth Shelter in the West End; and The Living Room, Georgia's
20 largest facilitator of emergency and transitional housing for people living with HIV/AIDS,
21 where 90 percent of clients are defined as "extremely low income"; and

22 WHEREAS, since their inception, RADDISH has made over 400 weekly deliveries of
23 healthy, vegan, nonallergenic meals that feed 15 to 35 people per delivery.

24 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Radical Dishes Co-Operative
26 "RADDISH" for its outstanding dedication to feeding the homeless and disenfranchised
27 members of the metro Atlanta area.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
30 RADDISH.