

Senate Resolution 217

By: Senators Goodman of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Sims of the 12th, Watson of the 11th, Burns of the 23rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 2023 as Georgia Peanut
2 Month 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 approximately 52 percent of the total supply in the nation in 2022; our state leads the nation
8 in peanut exports, supplying nearly half of the United States peanut exports and contributing
9 more than \$320 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 \$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 commend the Georgia peanut industry for its outstanding contributions to the economic
21 health of the State of Georgia and recognize March 2023 as Georgia Peanut Month at the
22 state capitol.

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