

Senate Resolution 693

By: Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, Echols of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 2024 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 53 percent of the total supply in the nation in 2023; and

8 WHEREAS, our state leads the nation in peanut exports, supplying nearly half of the United
9 States' peanut exports and contributing more than \$471 million toward our nation's balance
10 of trade; and

11 WHEREAS, peanut production is the largest single cash food row crop in Georgia with gross
12 farm receipts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars; and

13 WHEREAS, more than 250 Georgia companies engaged in warehousing, processing,
14 manufacturing, and marketing totally depend on the peanut industry, and hundreds of other

15 Georgia companies that engage in financing, supplying, distributing, and transporting are
16 dependent to some extent on the peanut industry; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia peanut industry has played a significant role in the economic
18 growth and prosperity of our state, contributing an estimated \$2 billion to the Georgia
19 economy and supporting the livelihood of more than 150,000 Georgians.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend the Georgia peanut industry for its outstanding contributions to the economic
22 health of the State of Georgia and recognize March 2024 as Georgia Peanut Month at the
23 state capitol.

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