

House Resolution 1486

By: Representatives Greene of the 151st, McCall of the 33rd, Watson of the 172nd, Corbett of the 174th, Pirkle of the 155th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Peanut Proud Inc. and recognizing March 28, 2020, as Peanut Proud Inc. Day
2 at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Peanut Proud Inc. was established in response to an overwhelmingly negative
4 cloud of publicity which stemmed from the salmonella outbreak in 2009 that had been linked
5 to peanut products which were shipped from a plant located in Blakely, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, in response to the negative publicity generated from this salmonella outbreak,
7 industry and community leaders began a campaign for the purpose of turning the tide, of
8 restoring consumers' confidence in peanut products, and of renewing a sense of pride in the
9 hearts of those associated with the production and manufacturing of peanut products; and

10 WHEREAS, a peanut festival was assembled in Blakely in March 2009 and drew a crowd
11 of approximately 8,000 people; and

12 WHEREAS, Peanut Proud Inc. began to focus on the implementation of humanitarian
13 efforts, such as the collection of jars of peanut butter for the purpose of distributing them to
14 food banks and victims of natural disasters; and

15 WHEREAS, after five years of successful peanut festivals, industry leaders associated with
16 Peanut Proud Inc. began to look to the community to take over the responsibility of
17 sponsoring future festivals; and

18 WHEREAS, several community volunteers stepped up to coordinate the effort, and almost
19 every volunteer that had been vital in organizing and implementing the festivals in the past
20 agreed to stay on board for the future; and

21 WHEREAS, Friends of Peanut Proud Inc. was formed in order to sponsor the Peanut Proud
22 Festival on the historic town square on the fourth Saturday in March; and

23 WHEREAS, this festival is an all-day celebration which features various events and activities
24 and which serves to educate local citizens and visitors about peanuts and to foster community
25 spirit by involving citizens, families, businesses, and leaders in the celebration of an industry
26 that is crucial to the economy of the local area; and

27 WHEREAS, the tenth year of the Peanut Proud Festival boasted more than 80 sponsors and
28 150 volunteers and provided funds to the Peanut Proud Inc. humanitarian effort; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the efforts of Peanut Proud Inc. and the
30 Peanut Proud Festival be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Peanut Proud Inc. and recognize March 28, 2020, as
33 Peanut Proud Inc. Day at the state capitol.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Peanut Proud Inc.