

House Resolution 474

By: Representatives McCall of the 33rd, England of the 116th, Pirkle of the 155th, Watson of the 172nd, LaRiccia of the 169th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 20, 2017, as Peanut Butter
2 and Jelly Day 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 nearly 50 percent of the total supply in the nation in 2016. Further, our state leads the nation
8 in peanut exports, supplying 50 percent of the United States peanut exports, contributing
9 more than \$418 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 \$1.25 billion to the Georgia
18 economy and supporting the livelihood of more than 150,000 Georgians.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body commend the peanut industry for its outstanding contributions to
21 the economic health of the State of Georgia and recognize March 20, 2017, as Peanut Butter
22 and Jelly Day at the capitol.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 Georgia Peanut Commission.