

Senate Resolution 847

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Harper of the 7th, Rahman of the 5th and Walker III of the 20th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's eight food banks and recognizing March 5, 2020, as Georgia Food
2 Bank Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in Georgia, 14.4 percent of all citizens and 20 percent of children are food
4 insecure, meaning they do not always know when or where they will find their next meal;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has eight regional food banks that are associated with the
7 Feeding America network; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia's food banks work collectively with nearly 2,400 partner agencies and
9 congregations located throughout Georgia's 159 counties to distribute more than 150 million
10 pounds of food annually to those in need in this state; and

11 WHEREAS, the eight food banks are Food Bank of Northeast Georgia (Athens),
12 Chattanooga Area Food Bank (Dalton), Atlanta Community Food Bank (Atlanta) with
13 Georgia Mountain Food Bank (Gainesville), Middle Georgia Community Food Bank
14 (Macon), Golden Harvest Food Bank (Augusta), Feeding the Valley (Columbus), America's
15 Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia (Savannah), and Second Harvest of South Georgia
16 (Valdosta); and

17 WHEREAS, these food banks work tirelessly to decrease food insecurity for low-income and
18 needy children, seniors, and working families in Georgia, serving 156,000 individual clients
19 per week; and

20 WHEREAS, these food banks work collaboratively with the state to provide a healthy and
21 adequate food supply for Georgians in need; and

22 WHEREAS, many of these food banks have come together to form the Georgia Food Bank
23 Association in order to better coordinate statewide initiatives with the common goal of
24 ending hunger in Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these
26 food banks be appropriately recognized for the food, food safety, and nutrition services they
27 provide to Georgians.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Georgia's eight food banks for their many years of efficient, effective, and
30 dedicated public service to the citizens of this state and recognize March 5, 2020, as Georgia
31 Food Bank Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Senate is authorized and directed to
33 make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
34 press.