

Senate Resolution 787

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Thomas of the 2nd, Mullis of the 53rd, Balfour of the 9th, Schaefer of the 50th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Paula Deen; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in 1989, Albany native Paula Deen started a small catering company in
3 Savannah called "The Bag Lady," preparing sandwiches and meals for delivery by her sons
4 to construction sites and businesses from a used postal service jeep; and

5 WHEREAS, her success rapidly outgrew her kitchen space and led her to take over the
6 former site of 45 South, in the Best Western Motel on Savannah's south side; here for five
7 years she offered one of the best breakfasts and lunch buffets in the South, with her sons
8 serving as the waiters; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Deen subsequently opened "The Lady and Sons" restaurant in downtown
10 Savannah, which became an instant success; and

11 WHEREAS, now a must-stop on the tourist maps, "The Lady and Sons" restaurant currently
12 occupies a three-story building two blocks from the original location, where lines form each
13 day before 10 A.M. to taste her ever popular fare; and

14 WHEREAS, in order to meet public demand for her cooking secrets, Ms. Deen
15 self-published her first cookbook, "The Lady and Sons Country Cooking," resulting in
16 national recognition and the publication of three additional cookbooks, including the recently
17 published "Paula Deen and Friends: Living It Up, Southern Style"; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Deen's cooking skills brought her to the attention of The Food Network,
19 where she is today one of its shining stars, adding a Georgia counterpoint to Emeril Lagasse's
20 New Orleans cuisine; with her beauty and charming southern drawl, her own program,
21 "Paula's Home Cooking," soon to be produced in Savannah, is one of the network's most
22 successful shows.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join in commending Ms. Paula Deen for her success and her devotion to Georgia cuisine,
3 making it possible for the citizens of not only this state but also this nation to be able to share
4 her abundant joy of cooking and taste food the way it was meant to be prepared – southern
5 style – and that the members extend their best wishes for her continued success.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Paula Deen.