

House Resolution 796

By: Representatives Parrish of the 156th, Channell of the 116th, Stephens of the 164th, and Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing La Grotta Ristorante Italiano and owners Sergio Favalli and Antonio Abizanda;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, since its opening on September 18, 1978, La Grotta Ristorante Italiano, under
4 the direction of front-of-the-house boss Sergio Favalli and executive chef Antonio Abizanda,
5 has garnered a well-deserved reputation for authentic and excellent dining among the affluent
6 over-40 population; and

7 WHEREAS, the restaurant offers fine dining in an intimate ambiance overlooking a beautiful
8 garden located in the heart of Buckhead; and

9 WHEREAS, La Grotta has been voted the Best Italian Restaurant by *Atlanta Magazine* and
10 also received the AAA Four Diamond Award and is a long-time winner of the Di Rona
11 Award; and

12 WHEREAS, after apprenticing across most of Europe in the 1970's, the partners met in
13 Bermuda before coming to the United States to open Bugati in the then-new Omni Hotel, and
14 then as planned, they opened their own restaurant; and

15 WHEREAS, March 24 will be an especially festive evening at La Grotta, because that date
16 is the birthday of Antonio Abizanda; and

17 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this body recognize and commend this
18 treasure on Peachtree, the best Italian restaurant in the South.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize La Grotta Ristorante Italiano and its owners, Sergio
21 Favalli and Antonio Abizanda.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sergio Favalli and Antonio
24 Abizanda.