

## House Resolution 853

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup> and Graves of the 12<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Hans Rueffert; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, growing up, Mr. Hans Rueffert lived with his family above their restaurant, the  
3 Woodbridge Inn, in Jasper, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, fascinated with cooking as a child, Mr. Rueffert grew up watching culinary  
5 masters such as Julia Child, Jacques Pepin, Martin Yan, Graham Kerr, and Justin Wilson;  
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, after years of honing his cooking skills at the family's restaurant, Mr. Rueffert  
8 was invited to be a guest on a local cooking show which led to his own show on ETC 3 TV  
9 called *In the Kitchen with Hans*; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 2005, Mr. Rueffert was selected from over 10,000 applicants to appear on  
11 the Food Network's *The Next Food Network Star*, in which he placed third in a competition  
12 against eight other chefs from around the country vying for a spot in the cooking network's  
13 lineup; and
- 14 WHEREAS, shortly after his successful showing, Mr. Rueffert was diagnosed with stage  
15 three stomach cancer, resulting in the removal of half of his stomach and half of his  
16 esophagus; and
- 17 WHEREAS, thanks to the healing and skilled hands of the staff at MD Anderson cancer  
18 hospital in Texas, Mr. Rueffert remains cancer free to this day; and
- 19 WHEREAS, besides hosting his own live audience show on ETC 3 TV, *Hans Cooks the*  
20 *World*, which has earned him three Telly awards, Mr. Rueffert has recently taped a show for  
21 Georgia Public Broadcasting, *Hans Cooks the South*, slated to air this year; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Rueffert is united in love and marriage to his supportive and caring wife,  
23 Amy, and they have been blessed with two remarkable children, Finn and Ella; and

24 WHEREAS, in his first cookbook, *Eat Like There's No Tomorrow*, this gifted chef shares  
25 with audiences his love of food and portrays a truthful glimpse into his battle with cancer;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, his appreciation and love of food are evident in all his projects, including his  
28 line of signature spice blends; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Mr. Rueffert's gastronomical genius and  
30 devotion to uplifting the lives of others through food be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body commend Mr. Hans Rueffert for his incredible career as a chef,  
33 writer, and culinary television show star.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Hans Rueffert.