

House Resolution 193

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159th, Stephens of the 164th, Bryant of the 160th, Stephens of the 161st, Gordon of the 162nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Paula Deen; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia's own Ms. Paula Deen is the nationally beloved celebrity chef,
3 restaurateur, actress, and author who has brought Southern cooking and tradition to the
4 tables of Americans; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Ms. Deen suffered from agoraphobia as a young married adult, a condition that
6 confined her to her home, and relied on cooking to help her cope with her condition; and
- 7 WHEREAS, born in Albany, Georgia, Ms. Deen moved to Savannah, Georgia, in 1989 with
8 her two sons, Jamie and Bobby, and expanded her cooking experience into a catering service
9 called the Bag Lady, in which she made sandwiches and other meals that her sons delivered;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 1996, Ms. Deen expanded her catering service and opened her own
12 restaurant, The Lady & Sons, in downtown Savannah, which has grown into a favorite of
13 tourists and food critics alike; and
- 14 WHEREAS, The Lady & Sons' world famous buffet usually includes specialties such as
15 sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, deep-fried Twinkies, fried chicken, cheesy meatloaf,
16 greens, beans, and creamed corn; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in 2001, Ms. Deen shot a pilot, *Afternoon Tea*, for the Food Network which
18 launched her career as the celebrity and super star chef that now has three top-rated shows,
19 *Paula's Home Cooking*, *Paula's Party*, and *Paula's Best Dishes*; and
- 20 WHEREAS, loved by viewers for her heartwarming Southern accent and fearless adoration
21 of butter, sugar, and all things that would ruin a diet, Ms. Deen has earned a Daytime Emmy

22 award, presided as Grand Marshal of the Tournament of Roses Parade, and appeared in the
23 film *Elizabethtown*; and

24 WHEREAS, she and her sons are set to appear on the cover of the 2011 *Georgia Travel*
25 *Guide*, a full-color magazine that promotes tourism in Georgia, which is sure to attract many
26 new visitors to this great state; and

27 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is incredibly proud of her native daughter, and it is
28 abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of this talented and
29 acclaimed Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Ms. Paula Deen for her incredible career and recognize
32 the amazing impact she has had upon this state.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Paula Deen.