

House Resolution 247

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159th, Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 46th, Stephens of the 164th, Bryant of the 160th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Paula Deen and inviting her to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's own Ms. Paula Deen is the nationally beloved celebrity chef,
4 restaurateur, actress, and author who has brought Southern cooking and tradition to the
5 tables of Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Deen suffered from agoraphobia as a young married adult, a condition that
7 confined her to her home, and relied on cooking to help her cope with her condition; and

8 WHEREAS, born in Albany, Georgia, Ms. Deen moved to Savannah, Georgia, in 1989 with
9 her two sons, Jamie and Bobby, and expanded her cooking experience into a catering service
10 called the Bag Lady, in which she made sandwiches and other meals that her sons delivered;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, in 1996, Ms. Deen expanded her catering service and opened her own
13 restaurant, The Lady & Sons, in downtown Savannah, which has grown into a favorite of
14 tourists and food critics alike; and

15 WHEREAS, The Lady & Sons' world famous buffet usually includes specialties such as
16 sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, deep-fried Twinkies, fried chicken, cheesy meatloaf,
17 greens, beans, and creamed corn; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2001, Ms. Deen shot a pilot, *Afternoon Tea*, for the Food Network which
19 launched her career as the celebrity and super star chef that now has three top-rated shows,
20 *Paula's Home Cooking*, *Paula's Party*, and *Paula's Best Dishes*; and

21 WHEREAS, loved by viewers for her heartwarming Southern accent and fearless adoration
22 of butter, sugar, and all things that would ruin a diet, Ms. Deen has earned a Daytime Emmy

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

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

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Ms. Paula Deen for her incredible career, recognize the
33 amazing impact she has had upon this state, and invite her to be recognized by the House of
34 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
35 Representatives.

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