

Senate Resolution 729

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring February 9, 2012, as State Restaurant Day at the state capitol and commending the
2 food service industry of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the food service industry plays a vital role in Georgia's economic prosperity and
4 the quality of life for all Georgians; and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia food service industry comprises over 15,000 food and drink
6 establishments in Georgia and generates more than \$14 billion annually, providing over
7 300,000 jobs state wide; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 25 international food service industry brands are headquartered in
9 Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association is dedicated to providing a voice for the
11 food service industry throughout Georgia to express to residents and visitors the great value,
12 quality, and services provided by local food establishments; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association works with state and local agencies to
14 promote food safety, encourage small business growth, and foster entrepreneurship
15 throughout Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, the contributions and efforts of the professionals working in the food service
17 industry to provide the highest quality food and drinks in Georgia, promote small business,
18 and contribute billions of dollars to local and state tax revenue to stimulate economic growth
19 are worthy of recognition.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize the dedication of the food service industry, applaud their service as critical to the

22 economic vitality of the State of Georgia, and declare February 9, 2012, as State Restaurant
23 Day at the state capitol.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Restaurant Association.