

House Resolution 23

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Kaiser of the 59th, and Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Jay Swift on being named Georgia's Restaurateur of the Year and inviting
2 him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association named Jay Swift, chef and owner of Atlanta
4 restaurant 4th & Swift, as Georgia's Restaurateur of the Year at their annual Crystal of
5 Excellence Awards Gala; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Baltimore, Mr. Swift has long been recognized as an innovative and
7 remarkable chef, having been in the restaurant industry since age 14, financing his high
8 school and college education through restaurant work; and

9 WHEREAS, he followed his passion and his palate after two and a half years of college,
10 enrolling in the American Culinary Federation Apprenticeship and graduating first in his
11 class; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Swift spent some time working as a chef in Baltimore, Boston, and New
13 York before moving down to Atlanta and becoming a chef for South City Kitchen, where he
14 successfully revamped the restaurant's contemporary Southern menu and earned rave reviews
15 during his tenure; and

16 WHEREAS, he opened his restaurant 4th & Swift in the eclectic Old Fourth Ward area,
17 bringing his passion and modern approach to traditional American comfort food; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Swift is well known throughout Atlanta not only for his restaurant, but also
19 for his involvement in Share Our Strength's campaign to end childhood hunger and Flavors
20 of Atlanta, a culinary event that benefits the Georgia Chapter of the American Liver
21 Foundation; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
23 volunteer work of this remarkable, ambitious, and distinguished Georgian be appropriately
24 recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend Jay Swift on being named Restaurateur of the Year and
27 invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated
28 by the Speaker of the House.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jay Swift.