

Senate Resolution 205

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the restaurant industry of Georgia and recognizing February 19, 2013, as State
2 Restaurant Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, Georgia's restaurant industry is composed of over 16,000 food and drink
6 establishments, generates more than \$14 billion annually, and provides over 380,000 jobs
7 state wide; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 30 international restaurant industry brands are headquartered in
9 Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association is dedicated to providing a voice in
11 advocacy, education, and awareness for the restaurant industry throughout this state to
12 express to residents and visitors the great value, quality, and services provided by local food
13 establishments; and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association works with state and local agencies to
15 promote food safety and job skills through the ServSafe and ProStart educational programs
16 and the industry mentoring of young professionals; and

17 WHEREAS, 50 percent of all adults in Georgia have worked in the restaurant industry,
18 providing them with job skills that serve as a launching point for careers; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend the dedication of the restaurant industry, applaud its service as critical to the
25 economic vitality of the State of Georgia, and recognize February 19, 2013, as State
26 Restaurant Day at the state capitol.

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