

House Resolution 1115

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 158th, Channell of the 120th, Bryant of the 162nd, Cheokas of the 138th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 28, 2014, as Tourism, Hospitality, and Arts Day at the state capitol and
2 commending the tourism industry of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, tourism drives significant business growth and increased revenue for companies
4 operating in Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, happenings in the arts, music, and agribusiness sectors help to promote tourism
6 and strengthen Georgia's rich cultural heritage; and

7 WHEREAS, all sectors of the Georgia economy benefit from tourism activity, either directly
8 or indirectly: transportation, lodging, food and beverage, retail trade, arts, entertainment and
9 recreation, financial, insurance and real estate, business services, government, wholesale
10 trade, construction and utilities, education and health care, and personal services; and

11 WHEREAS, the tourism and hospitality industry represents a \$51.2 billion industry in
12 Georgia and sustained 405,000 jobs in 2012; and

13 WHEREAS, 10.2 percent of all jobs in Georgia are directly or indirectly sustained by tourism
14 entities, making the tourism industry the fifth largest employer in this state; and

15 WHEREAS, creative and arts related industries in Georgia represent 12,768 businesses,
16 provide more than 199,921 jobs, and generate \$29 billion in annual revenue; and

17 WHEREAS, representatives from the travel, hospitality, and arts industries work hard to
18 promote Georgia as a premier travel destination featuring unique destinations, events, and
19 activities; and

20 WHEREAS, the contributions and efforts of Georgia's tourism, hospitality, music, and arts
21 professionals to promote their attractions, destinations, and products in Georgia in order to
22 create greater economic growth are applauded.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize the tourism industry as critical to the economic vitality
25 of the State of Georgia and recognize January 28, 2014, as Tourism, Hospitality, and Arts
26 Day at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of
29 Economic Development.