

Senate Resolution 959

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 19, 2014, as State Restaurant Day at the state capitol and commending
2 the restaurant industry of Georgia; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, Georgia's restaurant industry comprises nearly 16,500 food and drink
6 establishments and generates more than \$16 billion annually, providing nearly 406,000 jobs
7 statewide; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 26 national restaurant industry brands are headquartered in Georgia;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association is dedicated to providing a voice in
11 advocacy, education, and awareness regarding the restaurant industry throughout the state
12 to express to residents and visitors the great value, quality, and services provided by local
13 food 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
16 programs, and with the industry to mentor young professionals; and

17 WHEREAS, 50 percent of all adults in Georgia have worked in the restaurant industry,
18 thereby gaining 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, promote small business,
21 and contribute billions of dollars to local and state tax revenue to stimulate economic growth
22 are worthy of recognition.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize 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, 2014, 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.