

Senate Resolution 960

By: Senator Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Dr. Debby Cannon on being awarded Georgia's Distinguished Service
2 Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association named Dr. Debby Cannon, director of the
4 Georgia State University's Cecil B. Day School of Hospitality, as its Distinguished Service
5 Award recipient at its annual Crystal of Excellence Awards Gala; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Cannon received her doctorate degree from Georgia State University, has
7 extensive hospitality industry experience, including corporate-level positions with Hyatt
8 Hotels and Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, has served 22 years on the faculty of Georgia State
9 University's School of Hospitality, and continues to serve as program director, a position she
10 has held for the past 13 years; and

11 WHEREAS, under her leadership, the school has grown to more than 500 students, expanded
12 its facilities with the Hospitality Learning Center and the Culinary Learning Center inside
13 the Georgia World Congress Center, has established international exchange programs in
14 China and Europe, and has twice achieved a "Top 20" ranking in hospitality programs in the
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Cannon is the coauthor of the educational textbook *Training and*
17 *Development for the Hospitality Industry* and is a regular contributor to *Restaurant*
18 *INFORMER* magazine; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Cannon serves on the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau's Board of
20 Directors, Executive Committee, and Restaurant Committee; the Georgia Restaurant
21 Association's History Committee; and the Master Club Manager Committee for the Club
22 Managers Association of America; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 congratulate Dr. Debby Cannon on being named the Distinguished Service Award recipient.

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 Dr. Debby Cannon.