

House Resolution 1455

By: Representatives Lindsey of the 54th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Golick of the 40th, and Jones of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Ford Fry 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 Ford Fry, chef and managing partner
4 of Atlanta restaurants JCT Kitchen, King & Duke, No. 246, The Optimist, and Oyster Bar
5 at The Optimist, as Georgia's Restaurateur of the Year at its annual Crystal of Excellence
6 Awards Gala; and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Texas, Mr. Fry attended the New England Culinary Institute in
8 Vermont and spent some time working as a fine dining chef in Florida, Colorado, and
9 California before moving to Atlanta and opening his first restaurant, JCT Kitchen, in January,
10 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Fry has three additional restaurants opening in 2014, has been named as
12 one of ten Empire Builders of 2012 in *Food & Wine Magazine*, and his restaurant The
13 Optimist has been recognized as one of *Bon Appetit Magazine's* ten Best New Restaurants
14 in America; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Fry has been recognized for his culinary vision of local ingredients and
16 dishes central to the Atlanta community and southeast, and he strives to create restaurants
17 that strike a timeless emotional chord to draw generations of families together; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Fry is well known throughout Atlanta not only for his restaurants, but also
19 for his support of People's Food Truck to benefit the City of Refuge, a nonprofit dedicated
20 to community development efforts; the popular JCT Kitchen & Bar "Attack of the Killer
21 Tomato Festival" in Atlanta that benefits Georgia Organics; and the Atlanta Food & Wine
22 Festival as a founding chef; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend Ford Fry 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 Ford Fry.