

Senate Resolution 886

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Dugan of the 30th, Martin of the 9th, Rhett of the 33rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 17, 2016, as State Restaurant Day at the capitol and commending the
2 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 more than 17,000 food and drink
6 establishments and generates more than \$17 billion annually, providing nearly 421,000 jobs
7 statewide; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 36 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 for the restaurant industry throughout the state and 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, fifty percent of all adults in Georgia have worked in the restaurant industry,
18 gaining job skills that served 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 February 17, 2016, as State Restaurant Day at the capitol and commend the
25 restaurant industry for their critical service to the economic vitality of the State of Georgia.

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