

## Senate Resolution 1115

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Hank and Billye Aaron and celebrating the 755 Restaurant Corporation on the  
2 grand occasion of its 20th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Hank and Billye Aaron founded the 755 Restaurant Corporation in 1995, with  
4 two Church's Chicken locations, and it has since grown to include many restaurants; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Aaron is a retired American Major League Baseball (MLB) player with  
6 numerous accomplishments, including being an NL All-Star for 20 seasons; holding the  
7 record for most seasons as an All-Star; having the most All-Star Game selections (25) and  
8 tying for the most All-Star Games played (24); and winning the Gold Glove award for three  
9 seasons, the 1957 NL Most Valuable Player award when the Milwaukee Braves won the  
10 World Series, and the May 1958 and June 1967 NL Player of the Month awards; and

11 WHEREAS, he also holds MLB records for the most career runs batted in (2,297), extra base  
12 hits (1,477), and total bases (6,856); is in the top five for career hits (3,771) and runs (2,174);  
13 is one of only four players to have at least 17 seasons with 150 or more hits; is in second  
14 place in home runs (755) and at-bats (12,364) and in third place in games played (3,298); and  
15 at his retirement, Mr. Aaron held most of the game's key career power hitting records; and

16 WHEREAS, since his retirement, he has held front office roles with the Atlanta Braves; was  
17 inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982; was presented with the  
18 Presidential Citizens Medal by President Bill Clinton on January 8, 2001; received the  
19 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, from President George  
20 W. Bush in June, 2002; and was named a 2010 Georgia Trustee by the Georgia Historical  
21 Society; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Aaron was the first African American woman in the Southeast to co-host  
23 a regular daily television talk show, has since become an Atlanta leader in community

24 service and philanthropy, focusing on providing educational opportunities to African  
25 Americans, and is a trustee at Morehouse College; and

26 WHEREAS, her efforts include founding the UNCF Mayor's Masked Ball and the Hank  
27 Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation; and

28 WHEREAS, Hank and Billye Aaron have become pillars in the Atlanta business and  
29 philanthropic communities.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 join in recognizing Hank and Billye Aaron for their selfless contributions to the State of  
32 Georgia and celebrate the 755 Restaurant Corporation on the grand occasion of its 20th  
33 anniversary.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Hank and Billye  
36 Aaron.