

## House Resolution 1746

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, and Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Dan T. Cathy; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dan T. Cathy is the chief executive officer of Chick-fil-A, representing the next  
3 generation of leadership for the Atlanta based fast food chicken restaurant chain founded by  
4 his father, S. Truett Cathy; and

5 WHEREAS, after receiving a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Georgia  
6 Southern University, he returned to Chick-fil-A to serve as director of operations, opening  
7 more than 50 new Chick-fil-A restaurants; and

8 WHEREAS, since 2001, Mr. Cathy has served as president and chief operating officer of the  
9 more than 1,900 unit chain, and in 2013, his father named him chairman, president, and chief  
10 executive officer; and

11 WHEREAS, he has taken an unconventional, yet personally and professionally rewarding  
12 approach to leadership, personally challenging himself with upholding Chick-fil-A's efforts  
13 to provide genuine, heartfelt hospitality; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Cathy humbly says of himself, "I work in customer service," demonstrating  
15 his quest to provide customers with an exceptional dining experience; and

16 WHEREAS, Chick-fil-A was recognized with Technomic's 2015 Consumer's Choice Award  
17 and as a leader of the fast food industry in Temkin's 2015 Customer Experience Survey; in  
18 the 2014 Glassdoor Employee's Choice Awards, Chick-fil-A ranked among the top 50 Best  
19 Places to Work in the nation; and Forbes ranked Chick-fil-A as the fourth most inspiring  
20 company in the country, based on a survey of more than 2,000 consumers evaluating 25  
21 companies; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Cathy is highly regarded in the community and is a member of the Atlanta  
23 Committee for Progress, the Morehouse College Board of Trustees, and the Metro Atlanta  
24 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and has received the Passkeys Foundation 2014  
25 Leaders of Integrity Awards, American Life: Business; and

26 WHEREAS, a native of Jonesboro, Georgia, he is united in love and marriage to his wife of  
27 more than 40 years, Rhonda Palmer; is blessed with two remarkable sons, Andrew, who  
28 serves as a vice president at Chick-fil-A, and Ross, who serves as the owner and operator of  
29 the Midland, Georgia, Chick-fil-A restaurant; and has two wonderful grandchildren.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body recognize Dan T. Cathy for his outstanding accomplishments,  
32 leadership, and contributions to the State of Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dan  
35 T. Cathy.