

## House Resolution 89

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 24, 2017, as Tourism, Hospitality, and Arts Day at the state capitol and  
2 commending the tourism industry of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, tourism drives significant business growth and increased revenue for companies  
4 operating in Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, happenings in the arts, music, and agribusiness sectors help promote tourism  
6 and strengthen Georgia's rich cultural heritage; and

7 WHEREAS, all sectors of the Georgia economy benefit from tourism activity, either directly  
8 or indirectly: transportation, lodging, food and beverage, retail trade, arts, entertainment and  
9 recreation, financial, insurance and real estate, business services, government, wholesale  
10 trade, construction and utilities, education and healthcare, and personal services; and

11 WHEREAS, the tourism and hospitality industry represents a \$59 billion industry in Georgia,  
12 and sustained 439,000 jobs in 2016; and

13 WHEREAS, the creative industries in Georgia have an annual economic impact of \$62.5  
14 billion representing 5 percent of all employment and 6 percent of all business revenue in the  
15 state; and

16 WHEREAS, 10.3 percent of all jobs in Georgia are directly or indirectly sustained by tourism  
17 entities, making the tourism industry the fifth largest industry in the state; and

18 WHEREAS, representatives from the travel and tourism industry work hard to promote  
19 Georgia as a premier travel destination featuring unique destinations, events, and activities;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the contributions and efforts of Georgia's tourism, hospitality, agribusiness,  
22 music, and arts professionals to promote their attractions, destinations, and products in  
23 Georgia in order to create greater economic growth are applauded.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend the tourism industry of Georgia and recognize  
26 January 24, 2017, as Tourism, Hospitality, and Arts Day at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
29 Department of Economic Development.