

## House Resolution 249

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>, and Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Jamie Durrence on being named Georgia's Restaurateur of the Year; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association named Jamie Durrence managing partner  
4 of Local 11ten, The Public Kitchen & Bar, Soho South Café, and Artillery, as Georgia's  
5 Restaurateur of the Year at their annual Crystal of Excellence Awards Gala; and

6 WHEREAS, Jamie Durrence, a native Georgian, worked in New York City for Carolina  
7 Herrera and later as product manager for Liz Claiborne's Ellen Tracy label before becoming  
8 the managing partner at Daniel Reed Hospitality; and

9 WHEREAS, Jamie Durrence has opened three additional restaurants since Local 11ten in  
10 2007, The Public Kitchen & Bar, Soho South Café, and most recently, Artillery in 2016; and

11 WHEREAS, The Public Kitchen & Bar received a Historic Preservation Award from  
12 Historic Savannah Foundation in 2013, and each restaurant has received various "Best of  
13 Savannah" awards from *Savannah* magazine; and

14 WHEREAS, Jamie Durrence and his group focus and put tremendous effort into  
15 reinvigorating and restoring places to create a space where people can once again engage and  
16 interact with a marvelous piece of Savannah's past; and

17 WHEREAS, Jamie Durrence is well-known throughout Savannah not only for his restaurants  
18 but also for his involvement with charities such as America's Second Harvest Food Bank,  
19 Historic Savannah Foundation Bethesda Home for Boys, and Local 11Ten's contribution to  
20 the relief effort by providing food to those in need after Hurricane Matthew hit the Georgia  
21 Coast; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend Jamie Durrence on being named Restaurateur of the  
26 Year.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jamie  
29 Durrence.