

**House Resolution 254**

By: Representatives Carpenter of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Harrell of the 106<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Momtahan of the 17<sup>th</sup>, and Gaines of the 117<sup>th</sup>

**A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Recognizing February 20, 2019, as State Restaurant Day at the state capitol and commending
- 2 the 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 18,400 food and drink
- 6 establishments and generates more than \$20 billion annually, providing nearly 488,400 jobs
- 7 state wide; 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 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
- 16 programs and the industry mentoring of young professionals; and
  
- 17 WHEREAS, 50 percent of all adults in Georgia have worked in the restaurant industry,
- 18 thereby providing job skills that serve as a launching point for careers; and
  
- 19 WHEREAS, the contributions and efforts of restaurant industry professionals to provide the
- 20 highest quality food and drinks in Georgia, promote small business, and contribute billions
- 21 of dollars to local and state tax revenue to stimulate economic growth are worthy of
- 22 recognition.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body commend the dedication of the restaurant industry, applaud their  
25 service as critical to the economic vitality of the State of Georgia, and recognize February  
26 20, 2019, as State Restaurant 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 an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
29 Georgia Restaurant Association.