

## Senate Resolution 737

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd and Unterman of the 45th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 19, 2020, 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 over 18,933 food and drink  
6 establishments and generates more than \$24.9 billion annually, providing nearly 500,000 jobs  
7 state wide; more than 33 national restaurant industry brands are headquartered in Georgia;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association is dedicated to providing a voice in  
10 advocacy, education, and awareness for the restaurant industry throughout the state to  
11 express to residents and visitors the great value, quality, and services provided by local food  
12 establishments; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association works with state and local agencies to  
14 promote food safety and job skills through the ServSafe® and ProStart® educational  
15 programs and mentors young industry professionals; and

16 WHEREAS, fifty percent of all adults in Georgia have worked in the restaurant industry,  
17 thereby providing job skills that serve as a launching point for careers; and

18 WHEREAS, the contributions and efforts of the professionals working in the restaurant  
19 industry to provide the highest quality food and drinks in Georgia, to promote small business,  
20 and to contribute billions of dollars to local and state tax revenue to stimulate economic  
21 growth are worthy of recognition.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 commend the dedication of the restaurant industry, applaud its service as critical to the  
24 economic vitality of the State of Georgia, and recognize February 19, 2020, as State  
25 Restaurant Day at the state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia  
28 Restaurant Association.