

House Resolution 155

By: Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Gambill of the 15th, Gaines of the 117th, Petrea of the 166th, Crowe of the 110th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the restaurant industry of Georgia and recognizing February 17, 2021, as State
2 Restaurant Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the restaurant industry plays a vital role in Georgia's economic prosperity and
4 the high quality of life for all Georgians; and

5 WHEREAS, before the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia's restaurant industry was composed
6 of more than 18,933 food and drink establishments and generated more than \$24.9 billion
7 annually, providing nearly 500,000 jobs state wide; and

8 WHEREAS, approximately 20 percent of Georgia restaurants have closed and lost an
9 estimated \$5 billion in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

10 WHEREAS, numerous national restaurant industry brands are headquartered in Georgia; and

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

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

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

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend the restaurant industry of Georgia for its critical service
26 to the economic vitality of the state and recognize February 17, 2021, as State Restaurant
27 Day at the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Georgia Restaurant Association.