

Senate Resolution 256

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Lucas of the 26th, Orrock of the 36th, Watson of the 1st, Hatchett of the 50th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the restaurant industry of Georgia and recognizing February 26, 2025, 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 quality of life for all Georgians; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia's restaurant industry comprises more than 23,000 food and drink
6 establishments and generates more than \$30.1 billion annually, providing more than 500,000
7 jobs statewide; and

8 WHEREAS, the majority of Georgia's restaurants are independently owned small businesses;
9 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 in
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 Foundation works with state and local
16 agencies to promote food safety and job skills through the ServSafe® and ProStart®
17 educational programs as well as the industry mentoring of young 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 the professionals working in the restaurant
21 industry to provide the highest quality food and drinks in Georgia, to promote small business,
22 and to contribute billions of dollars to local and state tax revenue to stimulate economic
23 growth are worthy of recognition.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend the restaurant industry as critical to the economic vitality of the State of Georgia
26 and recognize February 26, 2025, as State Restaurant Day at the state capitol.

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