

House Resolution 425

By: Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Cox of the 28th, Meeks of the 178th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Willis of the 55th, 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend the restaurant industry as critical to the economic vitality
26 of the State of Georgia and recognize February 26, 2025, as State Restaurant Day at the state
27 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.