

House Resolution 1592

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Taylor of the 92nd, Alexander of the 66th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Hugley of the 141st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Deborah VanTrece; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Deborah VanTrece is a revolutionary chef, author, entrepreneur, television
3 personality, and community leader; and
- 4 WHEREAS, her journey began in 1994 when she graduated as valedictorian from the Art
5 Institute's culinary program, and quickly rose to prominence, serving as Executive Chef
6 during the Centennial Olympics in Atlanta; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in 1998, she opened Edible Art, a restaurant and catering business that became
8 an East Atlanta institution and helped establish the neighborhood as a cultural hub; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 2014, she launched Twisted Soul Cookhouse & Pours, earning critical
10 acclaim from the Cooking Channel's Late Nite Eats and Genius Kitchen's Carnivorous, as
11 well as being named one of the Best New Restaurants in Atlanta by The Georgia Voice; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Twisted Soul Cookhouse & Pours, her flagship restaurant, continues to redefine
13 Southern cuisine, earning a place in the 2023 and 2024 Michelin Guide; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2024, she debuted as the lead chef at the Centurion Lounge at
15 Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport; and

16 WHEREAS, her exemplary work was showcased at the James Beard House and has earned
17 her recognition from Zagat as well as features in The New York Times, Bon Appétit, Food
18 & Wine, and Garden & Gun; and

19 WHEREAS, as the star of "Global Soul Kitchen," she uses her platform to celebrate the
20 contributions of the African Diaspora to American cuisine as well as mentor young chefs and
21 promote sustainable farming; and

22 WHEREAS, through her restaurants, television series, and community initiatives, she
23 continues to inspire with her bold vision, redefining what it means to feed the soul; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Deborah VanTrece and extend the most
28 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
31 Deborah VanTrece.