

House Resolution 1185

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Dreyer of the 59th, Gardner of the 57th, Mosby of the 83rd, Jones of the 53rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 21, 2018, as Sweet Auburn Bread Company Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chef Sonya Jones, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia, is the owner of Sweet Auburn
4 Bread Company, where she continues the tradition of southern African American baking and
5 will be celebrating 21 years of business this year; and

6 WHEREAS, Sonya Jones studied at the Culinary Institute of America, then returned to
7 Atlanta after graduating, determined to become a success; and

8 WHEREAS, she worked with southern food icon, Edna Lewis, opened a bakery that sold
9 made-from-scratch desserts, and, after receiving rave reviews, began a successful mail-order
10 business; and

11 WHEREAS, Sonya Jones has also made media appearances on Food Network shows with
12 Rachael Ray and Bobby Flay, runs a catering service, and sells a line of private label jellies
13 and dessert sauces; and

14 WHEREAS, over the course of her career, her desserts have received praise from the likes
15 of former President Bill Clinton and Food Network star Rachael Ray; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2008, she was honored by *Ebony* magazine's "Taste of Ebony" awards as one
17 of the nation's top Black Pastry Chefs; and

18 WHEREAS, her business was selected as one of the Best Bakeries in the South by *Southern*
19 *Living*, and she has received praise from both *Flavors* and *Taste of the South*, among several
20 other magazines; and

21 WHEREAS, when CNN ran a segment regarding the economic crisis and its effect on small
22 businesses, Sweet Auburn Bread Company was dubbed "The Little Bakery That Could"; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the hard work and achievements of Chef
24 Sonya Jones and the success of Sweet Auburn Bread Company be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize October 21, 2018, as Sweet Auburn Bread Company
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 Sweet
30 Auburn Bread Company.