

## House Resolution 1294

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Giving Kitchen for receiving the 2019 James Beard  
2 Humanitarian of the Year Award for its work to support and empower food service workers  
3 in Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the James Beard Humanitarian of the Year Award is given to an individual or  
5 organization working in the realm of food that has given selflessly and worked tirelessly to  
6 better the lives of others and society at large; and

7 WHEREAS, Giving Kitchen is also the recipient of the 2019 Center for Civic Innovation  
8 Investing in Impact Award, which recognizes individuals and organizations that fight  
9 inequality by empowering and fighting for people and communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Giving Kitchen grew out of a beyond-expectation response from the food  
11 service industry in Georgia following the devastating stage-four cancer diagnosis of Chef  
12 Ryan Hidinger in December 2012; and

13 WHEREAS, Giving Kitchen is a nonprofit organization that provides assistance and stability  
14 to food service workers through financial support, a network of community resources, and  
15 a prioritization of self-care; and

16 WHEREAS, Giving Kitchen's guiding principles include empathy, generosity, community,  
17 precision, trust, and gratitude; and

18 WHEREAS, since 2012, Giving Kitchen has supported more than 4,000 food service  
19 workers in need of emergency assistance; Giving Kitchen has provided more than \$3 million  
20 through over 2,100 awards, which has helped nearly 5,000 children and household members  
21 of food service workers receiving assistance from Giving Kitchen; Giving Kitchen is home  
22 to a growing community of 418,900 food service workers from throughout Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, Giving Kitchen's awards provide financial assistance to food service workers  
24 based on financial need; Giving Kitchen's Stability Network is a referral program to serve  
25 as a connection to social services for food service workers; and

26 WHEREAS, Giving Kitchen works with organizations including Children of Restaurant  
27 Employees (CORE), Metro Atlanta Counseling Service, Metro Atlanta American Red Cross,  
28 and Georgia Crisis and Access Hotline; and

29 WHEREAS, Giving Kitchen works to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health by  
30 speaking openly and empathetically about suicide, substance abuse, and mental illness in the  
31 food service industry; and

32 WHEREAS, annual corporate sponsors of Giving Kitchen include, but are not limited to:  
33 Sysco, H&F Bread Co., SweetWater Brewing Co., US Foods, Ruth's Chris Steak House,  
34 Unsukay, Creature Comforts Brewing Co., Fifth Group Restaurants, Inland Seafood, Legacy  
35 Ventures, and Revel Systems; and

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body recognize and commend Giving Kitchen for receiving the 2019  
38 James Beard Humanitarian of the Year Award and for providing outstanding support to  
39 Georgia's food service workers.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
42 Giving Kitchen.