

House Resolution 176

By: Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Martinez of the 111th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Willis of the 55th, and Cox of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the restaurant industry of Georgia and recognizing February 22, 2023, 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 represents over 21,916 food and drink
6 establishments and generates more than \$24.9 billion annually, providing over 500,000 jobs
7 state wide; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 33 national restaurant industry brands are headquartered in Georgia;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association is dedicated to providing a voice in
11 advocacy, education, and awareness for the restaurant industry throughout the state to
12 express to residents and visitors the great value, quality, and services provided by local food
13 establishments; and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association Foundation works with state and local
15 agencies to promote food safety and job skills through the ServSafe® and ProStart®
16 educational programs, as well as the industry mentoring of young professionals; and

17 WHEREAS, fifty percent of all adults in Georgia have worked in the restaurant industry,
18 thereby providing jobs skills that serve as a launching point for careers; and

19 WHEREAS, the contributions and efforts of the professionals working in the restaurant
20 industry to provide the highest quality food and drinks in Georgia, to promote small business,
21 and to contribute billions of dollars to local and state tax revenue to stimulate economic
22 growth are worthy of recognition.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize February 22, 2023, as State Restaurant Day at the state
25 capitol for the dedication of the restaurant industry and applaud the industry as critical to the
26 economic vitality of the State of Georgia.

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