

## Senate Resolution 150

By: Senators Brass of the 28th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

## 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
24 recognize February 22, 2023, as State Restaurant Day at the state capitol for the dedication  
25 of the restaurant industry and applaud the industry as critical to the economic vitality of the  
26 State of Georgia.

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