

Senate Resolution 223

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Jones of the 25th, Ginn of the 47th, Walker III of the 20th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring February 22, 2017, as State Restaurant Day at the state capitol and recognizing the
2 restaurant industry of Georgia; 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 is composed of more than 17,900 food and drink
6 establishments and generates more that \$19.6 billion annually, providing nearly 446,600 jobs
7 state wide; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 36 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 works with state and local agencies to
15 promote food safety and job skills through the ServSafe and ProStart educational programs
16 and 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 job skills that serve as a launching point for careers; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize the dedication of the restaurant industry, applaud its service as critical to the
25 economic vitality of the State of Georgia, and declare February 22, 2017, as State Restaurant
26 Day at the state capitol.

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.