

Senate Resolution 75

By: Senators Ginn of the 47th, Dugan of the 30th, Mullis of the 53rd, Brass of the 28th and Tillery of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 5, 2019, as Tourism, Hospitality, and Arts Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Economic Development and its partners are hosting
4 Tourism, Hospitality, and Arts Day at the state capitol on February 5, 2019, in celebration
5 of the vital contributions of Georgia's tourism industry professionals; and

6 WHEREAS, this annual gathering of tourism industry professionals is an event that
7 acknowledges the importance of these industries, celebrates the prior year, and looks to the
8 year ahead; and

9 WHEREAS, travel and tourism to Georgia generated more than \$63.2 billion in total tourism
10 output, including direct, indirect, and induced impact for an increase of 4 percent in 2017;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's tourism industry supported more than 462,000 jobs, directly or
13 indirectly, for travel and other industries, making up 10.6 percent of all nonfarm jobs in the
14 state; and

15 WHEREAS, travel and tourism directly generated over \$3.2 billion in state and local tax
16 revenue in 2017; and

17 WHEREAS, total tourism demand now stands 40 percent higher than its pre-recession level;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, every Georgia household would need to be taxed an additional \$885 per year
20 to replace the tourism industry tax revenues received by state and local governments in 2017;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Georgia welcomed a record 107.7 million visitors in 2017, an increase of 2
23 percent; and

24 WHEREAS, tourism, hospitality, and arts serve as economic engines that collectively and
25 individually impact every county, city, and community in Georgia; spur job creation; and
26 provide Georgians with a vibrant quality of life that sets Georgia apart from other states; and

27 WHEREAS, the state's tourism industry professionals have played a vital role in
28 strengthening Georgia's economic prosperity, as well as making Georgia a great place to
29 vacation, do business, and live; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
31 extraordinary industry and its magnificent workers be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend the tourism industry and recognize February 5, 2019, as Tourism, Hospitality, and
34 Arts Day at the state capitol.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of
37 Economic Development, the public, and the press.