

Senate Resolution 866

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, Dixon of the 45th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Davenport of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chairman of the Board and former CEO of Chick-fil-A Mr.
2 Dan T. Cathy; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Dan T. Cathy represents the next generation of leadership in the
4 Atlanta-based, nationally acclaimed quick-service chicken restaurant chain Chick-fil-A; and

5 WHEREAS, founded by Mr. Cathy's father, S. Truett Cathy, Chick-fil-A is one of the
6 nation's largest family owned businesses with over 2,000 franchise operators and more than
7 180,000 team members serving guests in over 2,500 locations; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cathy began his lifelong career at Chick-fil-A at the age of nine, singing
9 for customers and performing in radio commercials for the chain's original "Dwarf House"
10 restaurant in Hapeville, Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, a native of Jonesboro, Mr. Cathy earned a bachelor's degree in business
12 administration from Georgia Southern University and, upon his graduation from college,
13 returned to Chick-fil-A as director of operations, opening more than 50 new Chick-fil-A
14 restaurants throughout the country; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Cathy served as senior vice president of operations, executive vice
16 president of operations, and president and chief operating officer prior to being named the
17 company's president and chief executive officer in 2013; and

18 WHEREAS, across Mr. Cathy's 20 years as chief operating officer and chief executive
19 officer, the annual revenue of Chick-fil-A grew from roughly \$1 billion to \$16 billion; and

20 WHEREAS, his diligent and conscientious efforts have been recognized with the numerous
21 awards Chick-fil-A has recently received, including the restaurant's sixteenth Choice in
22 Chains Award from *Restaurant & Institution* magazine and twenty-second ranking in
23 *Business Week* and recognition as one of J.D. Power and Associate's Top 25 Customer
24 Service Champs which only included two restaurant chains; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Cathy has been united in love and marriage for over 48 wonderful years to
26 his wife Rhonda, and they have been blessed with two remarkable sons, Andrew and Ross;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, a dedicated community leader, Mr. Cathy has been recognized with numerous
29 honors and accolades, including the Buckhead Rotary Humanitarian of the Year Award
30 in 2002 for his unyielding service to Georgia's communities; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
32 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize Mr. Dan T. Cathy for his decades of exemplary service and leadership with the

35 Chick-fil-A corporation and commend his vision and commitment that have helped make
36 Chick-fil-A an American favorite.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Dan T. Cathy.