

House Resolution 53

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Sims of the 123rd, and Hatchett of the 150th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 29, 2013, as Tourism & Hospitality Day at the State Capitol and
2 commending the tourism industry of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, tourism drives significant business growth and increased revenue for companies
4 operating in Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, happenings in the arts, music, and agribusiness sectors help to promote tourism
6 and strengthen Georgia's rich cultural heritage; and

7 WHEREAS, all sectors of the Georgia economy benefit from tourism activity, either directly
8 or indirectly: transportation, lodging, food & beverage, retail trade, arts, entertainment &
9 recreation, financial, insurance & real estate, business services, government, wholesale trade,
10 construction & utilities, education & healthcare, and personal services; and

11 WHEREAS, the tourism and hospitality industry represents a \$49 billion industry in Georgia
12 and sustained 400,000 jobs in 2011; and

13 WHEREAS, 10.3 percent of all jobs in Georgia are directly or indirectly sustained by tourism
14 entities, making the tourism industry the fifth largest employer in the state; and

15 WHEREAS, representatives from the travel and tourism industry work hard to promote
16 Georgia as a premier travel destination featuring unique destinations, events, and activities;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the contributions and efforts of Georgia's tourism, hospitality, agribusiness,
19 music, and arts professionals to promote their attractions, destinations, and products in
20 Georgia in order create greater economic growth are applauded.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the
22 members of this body recognize the tourism industry as critical to the economic vitality of
23 the State of Georgia and recognize January 29, 2013, as Tourism & Hospitality Day at the
24 State Capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Economic
27 Development.