

House Resolution 955

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 158th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, and Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 21, 2020, as Tourism, Hospitality, and Arts Day at the state capitol to
2 foster awareness and convey the value of these industries to our state; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Economic Development and its partners will
4 celebrate Tourism, Hospitality, and Arts Day at the state capitol on January 21, 2020, and
5 recognize the innumerable tourism industry professionals across the state; 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, in 2018, travel and tourism to Georgia generated more than \$66.3 billion in total
10 tourism output, including direct, indirect, and induced impact, which represents a 4.7 percent
11 increase; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's tourism industry supported more than 478,000 jobs, directly or
13 indirectly, for travel and other industries; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2018, travel and tourism directly generated over \$3.4 billion in state and local
15 tax revenue; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia welcomed a record 111.7 million visitors in 2018, which generated
17 \$36.9 billion in spending revenue; and

18 WHEREAS, tourism, hospitality, and arts serve as economic engines that collectively and
19 individually impact every county, city, and community in Georgia; they are critical for
20 attracting and supporting new businesses and for expanding existing ones; and

21 WHEREAS, tourism, hospitality, and arts spur job creation and provide Georgians with a
22 vibrant quality of life that sets Georgia apart from other states; and

23 WHEREAS, tourism industry professionals have played a vital role in strengthening
24 Georgia's economic prosperity and making Georgia a great place to vacation, do business,
25 and live.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize January 21, 2020, as Tourism, Hospitality, and Arts Day
28 at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 public and the press.