

Senate Resolution 536

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Goodman of the 8th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the restaurant industry of Georgia and recognizing February 23, 2022, as State
2 Restaurant Day at the state capitol; 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 restaurants continue to face rising costs, lower customer traffic, and
6 other negative impacts caused by COVID-19 and its variants; and

7 WHEREAS, COVID-19 and its variants have forced more than 50 percent of restaurants to
8 reduce hours of operations and approximately 37 percent of restaurants to close on days they
9 normally operated; 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 Foundation works with state and local
15 agencies to promote food safety and job skills through the ServSafe® and ProStart®
16 educational programs, as well as the industry mentoring of young professionals; and

17 WHEREAS, 50 percent of all adults in Georgia have worked in the restaurant industry,
18 thereby providing jobs skills that serve as a launching point for careers; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize February 23, 2022, as State Restaurant Day at the state capitol for the dedication
25 of the restaurant industry and applaud the industry as critical to the economic vitality of the
26 State of Georgia.

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.