

Senate Resolution 604

By: Senators Esteves of the 6th, Merritt of the 9th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Hickman of the 4th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the restaurant industry of Georgia and recognizing February 21, 2024, 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 restaurant industry comprises more than 23,000 food and drink
6 establishments and generates more than \$30.1 billion annually, providing more than 500,000
7 jobs state wide; and

8 WHEREAS, numerous national restaurant industry brands are headquartered in Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association is dedicated to providing a voice in
10 advocacy, education, and awareness for the restaurant industry throughout the state to
11 express to residents and visitors the great value, quality, and services provided by local food
12 establishments; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Restaurant Association Foundation works with state and local
14 agencies to promote food safety and job skills through the ServSafe® and ProStart®
15 educational programs, as well as the industry mentoring of young professionals; and

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

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 commend the restaurant industry as critical to the economic vitality of the State of Georgia
24 and recognize February 21, 2024, as State Restaurant Day at the state capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
27 Restaurant Association.