

House Bill 1013

By: Representatives Bell of the 75th, Sharper of the 177th, Carpenter of the 4th, Huddleston of the 72nd, and McQueen of the 61st

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to other state symbols, so as to designate lemon pepper as the official Georgia state
3 chicken wing flavor; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

8 (1) Chicken wings have long been a staple of American cuisine, with the Buffalo flavor
9 first rising to prominence in the late 20th century;
10 (2) In 1982, J.R. Crickets, an Atlanta-based restaurant, introduced the chicken wing to
11 Georgia, bringing with it the standard Buffalo flavor that quickly became a culinary
12 mainstay;
13 (3) Over the years, Georgians elevated chicken wings into a cultural experience, giving
14 birth to unique local flavors and traditions;
15 (4) Among these, lemon pepper has emerged as a flavor that is distinctly tied to Georgia,
16 representing creativity, boldness, and Southern hospitality;

17 (5) Lemon pepper wings are enjoyed in countless variations, whether Buffalo with lemon
18 pepper sprinkles, "lemon pepper wet," all flats, or hot honey lemon pepper;

19 (6) Lemon pepper wings resonate across Georgia communities, transcending race,
20 region, and class, and bring people together at cookouts, family gatherings, sporting
21 events, and neighborhood restaurants;

22 (7) Atlanta culture has carried lemon pepper wings to global recognition, through
23 references in music by artists such as Gucci Mane, Ziggy2Playa, and Rick Ross; the
24 celebrated NBA star Lou Williams, affectionately named "Lemon Pepper Lou"; and
25 countless other cultural nods; and

26 (8) Just as peaches symbolize Georgia's agricultural pride, lemon pepper wings
27 symbolize Georgia's cultural flavor and global culinary influence.

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other
30 state symbols, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

31 "50-3-96.

32 Lemon pepper wings are designated as the official Georgia state chicken wing flavor."

33 **SECTION 3.**

34 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.