

House of Representatives

House Resolution 76

By: Representatives Kaye of the 37th, Teper of the 61st, Unterman of the 84th, Golick of the 30th, Henson of the 65th and others

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Congregation Etz Chaim and Rabbi Shalom Lewis; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Congregation Etz Chaim was founded in September, 1975, by six families to serve the spiritual needs of the expanding Jewish community of north metropolitan Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Etz Chaim is a modern Conservative synagogue committed to blending tradition and change being an affiliate of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Shalom Lewis was installed as the first full-time Rabbi in September, 1978, and has served his congregation and the community with wisdom, understanding, and knowledge ever since; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Etz Chaim has grown to over 800 member families today; and

WHEREAS, its growth and vitality is a testament to the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Shalom Lewis and to the Board of Directors, both present and past; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Etz Chaim is a "*tree of life to those who grasp it, and its supporters are praiseworthy*" (Proverbs 3:18); and

WHEREAS, Congregation Etz Chaim has and continues so proudly and unselfishly to serve and aid the greater community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body do hereby recognize Congregation Etz Chaim on its 25th Anniversary and commend the Congregation and its membership with a hearty "Mazel Tov" or congratulations on this auspicious milestone and a "Yasher Koach" or continued strength for the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Congregation Etz Chaim.

IN HOUSE

Read and Adopted

January 16, 2001

Robert E. Rivers, Jr.

Clerk