

House Resolution 262

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Henson of the 87th, and Lindsey of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring 350 years of Jewish life in America; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in 1654, 23 impoverished and persecuted Jews from Recife, Brazil, arrived in
3 North America; and
- 4 WHEREAS, September 2004 marked the 350th anniversary of Jewish settlement in the
5 United States; and
- 6 WHEREAS, generations of Jews of diverse backgrounds and persuasions who fled
7 oppression and embraced opportunity, who escaped persecution and found freedom, and who
8 shunned indignity and pursued equality for themselves and their descendants have found
9 their home in this nation of immigrants; and
- 10 WHEREAS, throughout the history of Georgia, Jews have participated creatively and
11 industriously in every facet of our community, building schools, libraries, hospitals, houses
12 of worship, and enterprises of every description; and
- 13 WHEREAS, all of Georgia's citizens can be proud of the part our state has played in
14 championing religious liberty and human rights for all peoples; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Torah Atlanta and the Center for Jewish Education and Experiences have taken
16 the lead in showcasing the American Jewish experience through their joint sponsorship of
17 the 3rd Annual Jewish Heritage Contest.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body join in honoring the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America
20 and celebrate the rich heritage of Georgia's Jewish citizens and the outstanding contributions
21 they have made to their communities and the state.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Torah Atlanta and the
- 3 Center for Jewish Education and Experiences.