

House Resolution 1837

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Lindsey of the 54th, and Geisinger of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Rabbi Philip N. Kranz on the occasion of his retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for over 25 years, Temple Sinai in Atlanta, Georgia, has been blessed with the
4 outstanding leadership and devoted service of Rabbi Philip N. Kranz; and

5 WHEREAS, born in 1943 in Cleveland, Ohio, Rabbi Kranz was ordained at the Hebrew
6 Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati in 1971; and

7 WHEREAS, during the Vietnam War, he honorably served his country as a Chaplain for the
8 United States Navy as a Lieutenant and was assigned to the Fourth Naval District in
9 Philadelphia while he was living in Cincinnati; and

10 WHEREAS, for the first nine years of his rabbinate, he served at Chicago Sinai
11 Congregation, during which time he was highly active in civic affairs, serving on the boards
12 of the South East Chicago Commission, the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, and Planned
13 Parenthood; and

14 WHEREAS, since coming to Atlanta in 1980 to serve as Senior Rabbi for Temple Sinai,
15 Rabbi Kranz has continued his community involvement, as president of Planned Parenthood
16 in the Atlanta area, among other activities, and was a member of the 1985 Class of
17 Leadership Atlanta; and

18 WHEREAS, Rabbi Kranz has taught in the Department of Church History at the University
19 of Chicago Divinity School, the Department of Sociology at Georgia State University, and
20 the Religious Studies Department at Agnes Scott College, and has a particular academic
21 interest in 19th Century intellectual history; and

1 WHEREAS, in his more than a quarter century of service to Temple Sinai, this distinguished
2 congregation has over doubled its membership to 1100 families and has undergone major
3 expansion of its buildings; and

4 WHEREAS, this year, the congregation honored Rabbi Kranz by completing the Rabbi
5 Philip N. Kranz Learning Center, one of the largest congregational libraries in the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Rabbi Kranz will be retiring on April 9, 2006, and it is abundantly fitting and
7 proper that this body pay tribute to his many invaluable contributions to Temple Sinai and
8 to Atlanta on the occasion of this very special milestone.

9 HOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body join to commend Rabbi Philip N. Kranz for his nearly 26 years of
11 extraordinary service to Temple Sinai and to extend their best wishes for a happy and
12 fulfilling retirement.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Rabbi Philip N. Kranz.