

## House Resolution 130

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Jacobs of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Taylor of the 79<sup>th</sup>, Parent of the 81<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Steven A. Ratkitt; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Steven A. Ratkitt has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratkitt graduated from Rutgers College and holds advanced degrees from  
6 the Baltimore Hebrew College, the University of Maryland, and the University of Rhode  
7 Island; and

8 WHEREAS, he has served as president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta  
9 since 2000 and has recently accepted a position as executive vice president and CEO of the  
10 Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, D.C., where he will serve the sixth largest Jewish  
11 community in America; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratkitt began his career in 1978 as an intern with Associated Jewish  
13 Charities in Baltimore and went on to serve as senior professional of the Jewish Federation  
14 of Rhode Island and executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Atlanta; and

15 WHEREAS, during Mr. Ratkitt's tenure with the Jewish Federation of Atlanta, the annual  
16 fund campaign drive reached \$18 million, and the Federation endowment assets reached  
17 \$102 million; and

18 WHEREAS, under Mr. Ratkitt's leadership, the Federation created the highly successful  
19 Create a Jewish Legacy program to assist Jewish community organizations to provide future  
20 leaders with community support, training programs, and programs designed to raise funds  
21 for Federation endowment programs; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2010, Mr. Ratkitt led a fund drive that raised \$2 million to assist Jewish  
23 children in gaining access to Jewish education programs; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratkitt has served with honor and distinction with the Jewish Federation  
25 of Greater Atlanta and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon his  
26 move to Washington; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
28 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend Mr. Steven A. Ratkitt for his efficient, effective,  
31 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta;  
32 congratulate him on his new assignment; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes  
33 for continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Steven A. Ratkitt.