

House Resolution 833

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Waites of the 60th, and Bell of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Atlanta Freedom Bands on its 20th anniversary and recognizing the
2 LGBT's international conference; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Freedom Bands will be celebrating its 20th anniversary and will
4 host the LGBT international conference in Atlanta, Georgia, during the Atlanta Pride
5 Festival, October 10-13, 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, the band, whose mission is to "provide outstanding entertainment and an
7 opportunity for creative musical expression and increasing acceptance through visibility by
8 representing the LGBT community in a positive light," was the inspiration of Buz Carr, the
9 band's founder and first director; and

10 WHEREAS, originally called the Atlanta Freedom Marching Band, the organization evolved
11 into the Atlanta Freedom Bands, offering a number of different musical ensembles that
12 provide year-round musical entertainment to the community, including the Atlanta Freedom
13 Concert Band, the MetroGnomes Stage Band, the Atlanta Freedom Brass Quintet, and the
14 Atlanta Freedom Color Guard; and

15 WHEREAS, its membership is composed of individuals representing a diverse range of
16 backgrounds, ages, experiences, and skill levels; and

17 WHEREAS, during the LGBT's international conference, over 200 musicians, coming from
18 38 bands across the United States, Canada, Australia, England, and Ireland, will present a
19 massed-band concert featuring the world premiere of a new work commissioned from a
20 Georgia composer and will form the largest ever entry in the Atlanta Pride parade; and

21 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Freedom Bands strives to be an organization that is a source of pride
22 for the LGBT community, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that they be recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body congratulate the Atlanta Freedom Bands on its 20 years of
25 commitment, respect, and education of the LGBT community and recognize the LGBT's
26 international conference in Atlanta, Georgia, during the Atlanta Pride Festival, October
27 10-13, 2013; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Atlanta Freedom Bands.