

Senate Resolution 25

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Hill of the 32nd and Beach of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Atlanta Junior Rowing Association; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Junior Rowing Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to
3 introducing middle and high school students throughout metro Atlanta to the Olympic sport
4 of rowing; and this spring, AJRA is completing its 27th year of rowing, making it one of the
5 oldest and currently the largest youth rowing group in the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, AJRA began in 1988 with a handful of rowers and has now grown to more than
7 200 youth from 30 middle and high schools across Atlanta participating in the program in
8 the fall and spring seasons; and

9 WHEREAS, about 140 of those rowers compete at regattas throughout the Southeast, with
10 the remainder in the recreational high school team and middle school development program;
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12 WHEREAS, additionally, 250-300 students ages 12-18 participate in their Learn to Row
13 program each summer, which has been offered for the past 17 consecutive years; and

14 WHEREAS, AJRA also gives back to the community by offering rowing merit badge clinics
15 to Boy Scouts and participating in service projects, such as Adopt-a-Road and Row for the
16 Cure; and

17 WHEREAS, recent AJRA alumni are currently rowing at the United States Naval Academy,
18 the United States Coast Guard Academy, the United States Military Academy at West Point,
19 Brown, Clemson University, Georgetown, Harvard, Northeastern, the Ohio State University,
20 Stanford, UCLA, the University of Louisville, the University of Michigan, the University of
21 Southern California, the University of Tennessee, the University of Virginia, and Yale,
22 among others; and

23 WHEREAS, equally important, however, is that even those who do not go on to row on
24 college teams have benefited from the structure and skills acquired from being an AJRA
25 athlete.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend the Atlanta Junior Rowing Association.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Atlanta Junior
30 Rowing Association.