

House Resolution 1398

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Carson of the 46th, Price of the 48th, Cooper of the 43rd, and Wilkinson of the 52nd

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 is one of the oldest youth rowing groups in the State of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, AJRA began in 1988 with a handful of rowers and has now grown to more than
6 200 youth from 30 middle and high schools across Atlanta participating in the program in
7 the fall and spring seasons; and
- 8 WHEREAS, about 140 of those rowers compete at regattas throughout the Southeast, with
9 the remainder in the recreational high school team and middle school development program;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, additionally, 250-300 students ages 12-18 participate in their Learn to Row
12 program each summer, which has been offered for more than 17 consecutive years; and
- 13 WHEREAS, AJRA also gives back to the community by offering rowing merit badge clinics
14 to Boy Scouts and participating in service projects, such as Adopt-a-Road and Row for the
15 Cure; and
- 16 WHEREAS, recent AJRA alumni row at the United States Naval Academy, the United States
17 Coast Guard Academy, the United States Military Academy at West Point, Brown, Clemson
18 University, Georgetown, Harvard, Northeastern, the Ohio State University, Stanford, UCLA,
19 the University of Louisville, the University of Michigan, the University of Southern
20 California, the University of Tennessee, the University of Virginia, and Yale, among others;
21 and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend the Atlanta Junior Rowing Association.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 Atlanta Junior Rowing Association.