

Senate Resolution 582

By: Senator Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival and recognizing its 20th anniversary; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival (AJFF) is the largest film festival in Atlanta
4 and the State of Georgia and is one of the largest Jewish film festivals in the world; and

5 WHEREAS, with its year-round programming, the AJFF inspires communities to new levels
6 of social and cultural understanding by entertaining and engaging diverse audiences with film
7 observed through a Jewish lens; and

8 WHEREAS, AJFF cooperates with leaders from various religious, ethnic, cultural, and
9 educational groups to create programming that deepens dialogue and bonds between
10 communities; and

11 WHEREAS, AJFF works in partnership with its founder, the Atlanta Regional Office of
12 American Jewish Committee (AJC), a global advocacy organization that enhances the
13 well-being of the Jewish people and Israel through education, outreach, and diplomacy; and

14 WHEREAS, the annual festival was founded in 2000 by the AJC, where the inaugural group
15 of filmgoers amounted to more than 1,900; by 2006, that figure increased to about 7,500, and
16 by 2008, they began adjusting their itinerary to include more dates and bigger venues to hold
17 nearly 15,000 filmgoers; and

18 WHEREAS, for their 10th anniversary, AJFF had a concert of iconic Jewish film scores,
19 presented in partnership with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Turner Classic Movies,
20 resulting in nearly 20,000 moviegoers; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2015, the AJFF made history by becoming the largest Jewish film festival
22 in the world, attracting more than 38,600 moviegoers.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival for its many contributions to the arts in our
25 community and for fostering stronger ties by educating communities that have religious,
26 ethnic, and cultural differences and recognize the grand occasion of its 20th anniversary.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Atlanta Jewish
29 Film Festival.