

House Resolution 1195

By: Representatives Henson of the 86th, Wilensky of the 79th, Silcox of the 52nd, Robichaux of the 48th, Kausche of the 50th, and others

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival for its many
25 contributions to the arts in our community and for fostering stronger ties by educating
26 communities that have religious, ethnic, and cultural differences and recognize the grand
27 occasion of its 20th anniversary.

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