

House Resolution 1531

By: Representatives Wilson of the 80th, Park of the 101st, Cannon of the 58th, Shannon of the 84th, and Drenner of the 85th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending The Atlanta Pride Committee for the 50th anniversary of the
2 Atlanta Pride Festival; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, The Atlanta Pride Committee is Georgia's oldest nonprofit agency serving the
4 LGBTQ communities in Atlanta and the southeastern United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The Atlanta Pride Committee has worked since 1970 to advance unity,
6 visibility, and self-esteem among lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgender and queer
7 persons and to promote a positive image in the Atlanta area and throughout the southeastern
8 United States through community activities and services; and

9 WHEREAS, in October 2020, The Atlanta Pride Committee will host its 50th annual Atlanta
10 Pride Festival; and

11 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Pride Festival is one of the oldest and largest pride festivals in the
12 United States, attracting more than 300,000 participants each year and raising over \$1.8
13 million annually to fund services for LGBTQ Georgians; and

14 WHEREAS, in just the past ten years alone, the Atlanta Pride Festival has had an annual
15 economic impact of over \$25 million for the City of Atlanta; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2016, Pride.com named the Atlanta Pride Festival one of the eight best
17 LGBTQ pride events in the nation; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to the Atlanta Pride Festival, The Atlanta Pride Committee operates
19 60 other educational, social, and historical programs each year; and

20 WHEREAS, The Atlanta Pride Committee also leads a thriving community reinvestment
21 initiative, awarding over \$100,000 in 2019 in grants to 16 Georgia nonprofits that serve
22 LGBTQ Georgians; and

23 WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, The Atlanta Pride Committee has led the way in
24 advocating for the rights of LGBTQ Georgians and has served an integral role to ensure
25 Georgia is a welcoming and accepting state for all her citizens.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize the 50th anniversary of the Atlanta Pride Festival;
28 commend the Atlanta Pride Committee for its dedicated advocacy on behalf of Georgia's
29 LGBTQ community; and extend its most sincere best wishes to The Atlanta Pride Committee
30 for continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to The
33 Atlanta Pride Committee.