

## House Resolution 260

By: Representatives Kennard of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, Wilensky of the 79<sup>th</sup>, Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>, Lopez of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Nguyen of the 89<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 2021 as Jewish Georgian Heritage Month and honoring the contributions  
2 of the Jewish community to the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in May of each year, people across the United States recognize and celebrate  
4 over 350 years of Jewish contributions to the United States through recognizing Jewish  
5 American Heritage Month; and

6 WHEREAS, in the words of Rabbi Elie Wiesel, "Just as despair can come to one only from  
7 other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings"; and

8 WHEREAS, May has been designated Jewish American Heritage Month since 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States has always been a nation built on the achievements of  
10 immigrants, and Jewish Americans have strengthened the society of the United States and  
11 contributed significantly to all areas of life in the United States since the time when Jewish  
12 immigrants first arrived on the shores of the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, the success of Jewish Georgians is a reminder of the gift of religious freedom  
14 and the importance of strong commitment to community and faith; and

15 WHEREAS, 2021 is the 76th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust, and honoring the  
16 survivors of the Holocaust and their remarkable stories is more important than ever; and

17 WHEREAS, much work has been done in diverse states such as Georgia to foster  
18 transformational social change and unite people of every racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious  
19 background; and

20 WHEREAS, countless Jewish Georgians and Jewish organizations have enriched the society  
21 of Georgia and shaped this great state; and

22 WHEREAS, there are 15 million Jews worldwide; 7.5 million in the United States and  
23 128,000 in Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, the Jewish Holiday calendar for 2021 is Purim, February 25-26; Passover,  
25 March 27-April 4; Shavuot, May 16-18; Rosh Hashanah, September 6-8; Yom Kippur,  
26 September 15-16; Sukkot, September 20-22; Simchat Torah, September 27-28; and  
27 Chanukah, November 28-December 6.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize May 2021 as Jewish Georgian Heritage Month and  
30 honor the contributions of the Jewish community to the State of Georgia.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 public and the press.