

## Senate Resolution 389

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 44th, Jackson of the 41st, Orrock of the 36th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival on its 25th anniversary; and for other  
2 purposes.

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

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

8 WHEREAS, AJFF cooperates with leaders from various religious, ethnic, cultural, and  
9 educational groups, including public and private schools, colleges and universities, to create  
10 programming that deepens dialogue and bonds between 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, and its inaugural group of  
15 filmgoers amounted to more than 1,900; by 2006, that figure had increased to about 7,500,  
16 and by 2008, they began adjusting their itinerary to include more dates and bigger venues to  
17 hold nearly 15,000 filmgoers; and

18 WHEREAS, for their tenth 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; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable festival be appropriately  
24 honored during this special time.

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

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