

## House Resolution 1723

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45<sup>th</sup>, Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Cooper of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Price of the 48<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 15, 2016, as Atlanta Junior Rowing Association Day at the capitol; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Junior Rowing Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to  
4 introducing middle and high school students throughout metro Atlanta to the Olympic sport  
5 of rowing and is one of the oldest youth rowing groups in the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, AJRA began in 1988 with a handful of rowers and has now grown to more than  
7 200 youth from 30 middle and high schools across Atlanta participating in the program in  
8 the fall and spring seasons; and

9 WHEREAS, about 140 of those rowers compete at regattas throughout the Southeast, with  
10 the remainder in the recreational high school team and middle school development program;  
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12 WHEREAS, additionally, 250-300 students ages 12-18 participate in their Learn to Row  
13 program each summer, which has been offered for more than 17 consecutive years; and

14 WHEREAS, AJRA also gives back to the community by offering rowing merit badge clinics  
15 to Boy Scouts and participating in service projects, such as Adopt-a-Road and Row for the  
16 Cure; and

17 WHEREAS, recent AJRA alumni row at the United States Naval Academy, the United States  
18 Coast Guard Academy, the United States Military Academy at West Point, Brown, Clemson  
19 University, Georgetown, Harvard, Northeastern, the Ohio State University, Stanford, UCLA,  
20 the University of Louisville, the University of Michigan, the University of Southern  
21 California, the University of Tennessee, the University of Virginia, and Yale, among others;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, equally important, however, is that even those who do not go on to row on  
24 college teams have benefited from the structure and skills acquired from being an AJRA  
25 athlete.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize March 15, 2016, as Atlanta Junior Rowing Association  
28 Day at the capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 Atlanta Junior Rowing Association.