

House Resolution 295

By: Representatives Wilensky of the 79th, Kennard of the 102nd, Kausche of the 50th, Holland of the 54th, McLaurin of the 51st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Amy Zeide; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Amy Zeide lives in Dunwoody, Georgia, and displays continued acts of
3 kindness and determination and works to inspire others to get involved in community work;
4 the nonprofit she founded supports community-building opportunities among all its members
5 and empowers teens to contribute meaningfully to their local community; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1995, Amy Zeide was only thirteen years old when she organized a holiday
7 celebration for children and families living in a local homeless shelter; and

8 WHEREAS, Amy Zeide founded Creating Connected Communities in 2010, in order to
9 expand on the holiday party, which now implements monthly community outreach programs
10 throughout metro-Atlanta with a dedicated team of professional and lay leaders; and

11 WHEREAS, Creating Connected Communities, which has continued "Amy's Holiday Party"
12 as its signature program with this year's 2019 holiday celebration being the 25th year, now
13 includes 40 homeless shelters and services agencies around Atlanta; and

14 WHEREAS, Creating Connected Communities' mission statement is "To provide
15 life-enhancing programs for children and families in need by empowering teens to become
16 engaged community leaders and volunteers"; the organization serves thousands of children
17 and families in need and engages hundreds of teen volunteers each year; and

18 WHEREAS, Creating Connected Communities has been awarded grants from The Inlay
19 Foundation, The Marcus Foundation, and The Atlanta Foundation and receives support from
20 more than 70 other local corporations and foundations; and

21 WHEREAS, Creating Connected Communities has partnered with more than 75 agencies,
22 schools, and community centers that provide services for children and families in need; teen
23 volunteers come from more than 30 schools around the city; and

24 WHEREAS, Creating Connected Communities' 2018 holiday celebration had 350 high
25 school volunteers, 1,000 children and families in need, and distributed over 3,000 gifts,
26 thousands of books, and personal care products to those children and families; it provided
27 a celebration including crafts, sports activities, carnival games, DJ dance party, pictures with
28 Santa and more, all under the leadership of teen volunteers; and

29 WHEREAS, Amy Zeide has been recognized many times by the *Atlanta Jewish Times* and
30 recently as one of Jewish Atlanta's Top 40 Under 40 and was awarded the People Power
31 Award from The Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body honor Amy Zeide for her contributions to her community, and
34 extend to her their most sincere wishes for her continued success, health, and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Amy
37 Zeide.