

House Resolution 931

By: Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Carson of the 46th, Roberts of the 52nd, Cox of the 28th, Williams of the 168th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival and recognizing its 24th year; 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 and is 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, during the COVID pandemic, the AJFF continued programming and added
24 streaming and drive-in components to its festival.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival 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; recognize the grand
29 occasion of its 24th festival happening February 13- 26 in multiple theaters across the greater
30 Atlanta area; and note that the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival will host a streaming component
31 with tickets available for purchase throughout Georgia from February 27 through March 7,
32 2024.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 Atlanta Jewish Film Festival.