

House Resolution 1774

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Drenner of the 85th, Shannon of the 84th, Gardner of the 57th, and Paris of the 142nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Atlanta Freedom Bands on the occasion of its 25th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Atlanta Freedom Bands, a nonprofit, volunteer organization, has provided a
4 positive representation of the city's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community
5 through music since its founding in 1993 by Walter F. "Buz" Carr III; and

6 WHEREAS, Atlanta Freedom Bands expanded from the original Atlanta Freedom Marching
7 Band to offer performing ensembles that provide year-round service to the community,
8 including the Atlanta Freedom Concert Band, The MetroGnomes Stage Band, the Atlanta
9 Freedom Color Guard, and several additional ensembles; and

10 WHEREAS, Atlanta Freedom Bands has provided a place where musicians and performers
11 of all kinds come together to rediscover and continue their passion for music; and

12 WHEREAS, Atlanta Freedom Bands has performed in concerts, events, and parades across
13 the Atlanta metropolitan area and in cities across Georgia and the Southeast; and, along with
14 members of the Lesbian and Gay Band Association, Atlanta Freedom Bands has participated
15 in events of national importance, such as the inaugurations of Presidents Clinton and Obama;
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17 WHEREAS, Atlanta Freedom Bands has commissioned new works for wind band from
18 Georgian composers and initiated a Student Composer Residency Program to perform works
19 created by music students in Georgia colleges and universities; and

20 WHEREAS, Atlanta Freedom Bands is the only wind band in the State of Georgia with a
21 mission to represent the LGBTQ+ community; and

22 WHEREAS, Atlanta Freedom Bands seeks to build bridges of acceptance with every
23 performance; and

24 WHEREAS, Atlanta Freedom Bands strives to be an organization that is a source of pride
25 for the LGBTQ and Atlanta communities and, thus, it is abundantly fitting and proper that
26 the accomplishments of this outstanding group be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Atlanta Freedom Bands for its 25 years
29 of service on behalf of the citizens of Georgia and extend sincere best wishes for continued
30 success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Atlanta Freedom Bands.