

House Resolution 1805

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Cannon of the 58th, Shannon of the 84th, and Henson of the 86th

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 diverse community through music since its founding in
5 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, this organization has provided an opportunity for musicians and performers
11 from different disciplines, training, and traditions to make beautiful and innovative music
12 together; and

13 WHEREAS, Atlanta Freedom Bands has performed at concerts, events, and parades across
14 the metropolitan Atlanta area; at events in cities across Georgia and the Southeast; and other
15 events of national importance, including the inaugurations of both President Clinton and
16 President Obama; and

17 WHEREAS, this organization has commissioned new works for wind band from Georgia
18 composers and has initiated a Student Composer Residency Program to perform works
19 created by music students at Georgia colleges and universities; and

20 WHEREAS, Atlanta Freedom Bands seeks to build bridges of acceptance of greater diversity
21 with every performance while simultaneously striving to be an organization that is a source
22 of pride for Atlanta and beyond; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the accomplishments of this exemplary
24 organization be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Atlanta Freedom Bands on the occasion
27 of its 25th anniversary.

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