

## 2020 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 84

*Commending Rabbi Bruce D. Aft.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2020

WHEREAS, Rabbi Bruce D. Aft has provided outstanding spiritual leadership to Congregation Adat Reyim in Springfield for nearly 30 years; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Bruce Aft joined Adat Reyim in 1991 and has touched countless lives through his compassion, insightfulness, and commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Aft worked to make Adat Reyim more welcoming, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of the local community; in his generosity, he has enhanced the quality of life for seniors and mentored many young people; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Aft currently serves as rabbinic advisor to the George Mason University Hillel Community Board and has helped develop constructive dialogue groups through the institution's School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, March of the Living, and B'nai B'rith, Bruce Aft has raised awareness of anti-Semitism and worked to fight bigotry in all forms in the Commonwealth and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Aft has promoted respect, understanding, and cooperation between the Jewish and African American communities in the region as chair of the board of Operation Understanding DC; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Rabbi Bruce D. Aft hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement from Congregation Adat Reyim; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rabbi Bruce D. Aft as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Springfield community.

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