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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1133

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Commending American Jewish Committee Washington, D.C.

Patrons—Filler-Corn and Rodman; Senators: Boysko, Ebbin, Lewis, Saslaw and Surovell

WHEREAS, for 75 years, American Jewish Committee Washington, D.C., has stood up for Jewish concerns in the United States and around the world and has advocated for the dignity of all people; and

WHEREAS, American Jewish Committee (AJC) Washington is a branch of the worldwide nonprofit organization AJC, which has supported civil liberties and fought anti-Semitism and discrimination in all forms since its founding in 1906; and

WHEREAS, with 22 offices in the United States and 12 posts around the world, AJC is a global Jewish advocacy network; AJC Washington serves Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia and was founded in 1944 as the extent of the Holocaust was becoming known; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, AJC has been a pioneer in interfaith relations, expanding dialogue and partnerships between religious and ethnic groups; the organization has also created public service campaigns to promote tolerance and pluralism in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the landmark Brown v. Board of Education case, the Supreme Court of the United States called on AJC-sponsored research conducted by psychologist Kenneth Clark; and

WHEREAS, AJC Washington uses its unique connections to the nation's capital to promote strong alliances, policies, and legislation that make the United States and the world safer and more secure; and

WHEREAS, through its leadership development program, AJC ACCESS D.C., AJC Washington empowers young Jewish professionals to become leaders in their communities; and

WHEREAS, today, AJC Washington serves as a strong link between Jews and Muslims in Northern Virginia through its Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council and advocates for the rights of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend American Jewish Committee Washington, D.C., on the occasion of its 75th anniversary of service to communities throughout Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Alan Ronkin, regional director of American Jewish Committee Washington, D.C., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's achievements in defense of tolerance and social equity and best wishes for great success in years to come.

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