

## House Resolution 1070

By: Representatives Wilensky of the 79<sup>th</sup>, Gravley of the 67<sup>th</sup>, Bazemore of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Carson of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Nation of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the  
2 United States and with the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the legal basis for the establishment of the modern State of Israel was a binding  
4 act of international law established in the San Remo Resolution, which was unanimously  
5 adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the  
6 United States Congress; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States, having been the first country to recognize Israel as an  
8 independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial  
9 relationship with Israel and her people; and

10 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East, and  
11 the values of our two nations are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the  
12 other; and

13 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Israel have enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial  
14 relations since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year; and

15 WHEREAS, there is a special bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and Israel  
16 that inspires the people of Georgia to stand with the people of Israel in solidarity and  
17 welcome all opportunities to grow our already deep relationship at all levels, including  
18 cultural, academic, and business endeavors; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to serve as home to the Israeli Consulate General for the  
20 Southeast; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to be the home of over 45 Israeli companies that employ more  
22 than 2,000 people; and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Economic Development operates an established  
24 trade office in Israel; and

25 WHEREAS, the cities of Atlanta, Georgia, and Ra'anana, Israel, are official sister cities; and

26 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology is involved in a joint initiative with Israel  
27 in developing nanotechnology, a research sector in which Israel is emerging as a global  
28 leader; and

29 WHEREAS, Georgia State University and the Georgia International Law Enforcement  
30 Exchange have an established program with law enforcement agencies in Israel; and

31 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem have a  
32 program to close the gap of time between acts of terror and governmental response by  
33 studying the ways in which a society that has long been subject to political violence has  
34 addressed the effects of such violence on its peoples; and

35 WHEREAS, Israel is a top export destination for Georgia with exports totaling over \$212  
36 million, including transportation equipment, paper, computer and electronics equipment,  
37 beverages and tobacco products, and machinery; and

38 WHEREAS, Georgia imports over \$337 million from Israel through the Savannah Customs  
39 District with top imports, including optical, surgical, and photo equipment; organic  
40 chemicals; furniture; electrical machinery; and plastics; and

41 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to be a leader in the Israel Bonds program; and

42 WHEREAS, the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust works to draw lessons from the  
43 history of the Holocaust in order to help lead new generations of Georgians beyond racism  
44 and bigotry; and

45 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to be home to chapters of the American Israel Chamber of  
46 Commerce, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the American Jewish Committee,  
47 the Anti-Defamation League, Hadassah, the Jewish Federation, and the Jewish National  
48 Fund.

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
50 the members of this body commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship  
51 with the United States and with the State of Georgia and support Israel in its legal, historical,  
52 moral, and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense upon the entirety of its own  
53 lands, recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of  
54 others, and that peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united Israel.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
56 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
57 Israeli Ambassador to the United States.