

## House Resolution 1182

By: Representatives Beskin of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Coomer of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Silcox of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Cooper of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, the United States, having been the first country to recognize Israel as an  
4 independent nation, is Israel's principal ally and has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial  
5 relationship with Israel and its people; and

6 WHEREAS, Israel is one of the United States' most important allies in the Middle East, and  
7 the values of the two nations are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the  
8 other; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is proud to serve as home to the Israeli Consulate General  
16 for the Southeast; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is proud to be the home of more than 45 Israeli companies  
18 that employ more than 2,000 people; and

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

21 WHEREAS, the Cities of Atlanta, Georgia, and Ra'anana, Israel, are official sister cities.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body commend the Nation of Israel for its cordial and mutually  
24 beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of Georgia and support Israel  
25 in its rights of self-governance and self-defense.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 Israeli Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable Consul General, and the Georgia  
29 congressional delegation.