

## House Resolution 466

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the State of Israel and condemning anti-Semitism in all its forms; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there has been a disturbing increase in anti-Semitism world wide, nationally,  
4 and locally where Jewish populations are facing increased levels of hatred; and

5 WHEREAS, prejudice against Jews as a national, ethnic, religious, or racial group has no  
6 place in Georgia or in the United States of America; and

7 WHEREAS, anti-Semitism is a challenge to the basic principles of tolerance, pluralism, and  
8 democracy and the shared values that bind Americans together; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States and Israel have a long relationship and close alliance, each  
10 attempting to support the interests of the other; and

11 WHEREAS, the State of Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, is the greatest friend  
12 and ally of the United States in that region; and

13 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is proud to be home to the Consulate General of Israel in  
14 Atlanta and reaffirms our esteem for the Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern United  
15 States; and

16 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to ensure the safety and security of Jewish communities,  
17 including synagogues, schools, cemeteries, and other institutions; and

18 WHEREAS, it is in the foreign policy interest of the United States to continue to emphasize  
19 the importance of combating anti-Semitism in our bilateral and multilateral relations,  
20 including with the United Nations, European Union institutions, Arab League, and the  
21 Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; and

22 WHEREAS, it is important to the national security interest of the United States to maintain  
23 strong bipartisan support for Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, all attempts to  
24 delegitimize and deny Israel's right to exist must be denounced and rejected; and

25 WHEREAS, it is in the national security interest of the United States to oppose restrictive  
26 trade practices or boycotts fostered or imposed by any foreign country against other countries  
27 friendly to the United States or against any United States person.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body oppose all forms of racism and hatred, including anti-Semitism;  
30 oppose attempts to deny the legitimacy of Israel as a sovereign state; commend Israel for its  
31 cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of  
32 Georgia; and support Israel in its legal, historical, moral, and God-given right of  
33 self-governance and self-defense.

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