

Senate Resolution 174

By: Senators Hill of the 6th, Hill of the 32nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Millar of the 40th, Dugan of the 30th 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 the greatest friend and ally of the United States 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, there are those in the Middle East who have continually sought to destroy Israel
10 from the time of its inception as a state, and those same enemies of Israel also hate and seek
11 to destroy the United States; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Israeli
33 Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable Consul General, and the Georgia
34 congressional delegation.