

Senate Resolution 573

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Watson of the 1st, Jordan of the 6th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 27, 2020, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day at the state
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on January 27, 1945, the advancing Red Army entered the Auschwitz-Birkenau
4 extermination camp complex, liberating more than 7,000 remaining prisoners, who were, for
5 the most part, ill or dying; and

6 WHEREAS, days earlier, the SS had forced nearly 60,000 prisoners to evacuate the camp
7 and embark on the infamous "Death Marches," during which many thousands of these
8 prisoners lost their lives; and

9 WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on November 1,
10 2005, designating January 27 as the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the
11 victims of the Holocaust, the day upon which, every year, the world would mark and
12 remember the Holocaust and its victims; and

13 WHEREAS, each year, the International Day of Commemoration is marked by a number of
14 national and international events; and

15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, established to preserve the memory
16 and promote public understanding of the history, works to enlighten and empower the
17 citizens of this state to promote human dignity and to confront hate whenever and wherever
18 it occurs; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust has designated International
20 Holocaust Remembrance Day to honor the survivors and liberators of the Holocaust; and

21 WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, such day shall be commemorated with the unveiling of
22 an installation in the state capitol in honor of Georgia Holocaust survivors and liberators.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize January 27, 2020, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day at the state capitol
25 and honor Georgia survivors and liberators of the Holocaust.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
28 press.