

Senate Resolution 732

By: Senators Millar of the 40th and Shafer of the 48th

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, 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; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the inexorable bonds of camaraderie
23 between the Nation of Israel and the State of Georgia be appropriately recognized.

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

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