

Senate Resolution 232

By: Senators Harp of the 16th, Johnson of the 1st, Price of the 56th, Mullis of the 53rd and Squires of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Declaring support for a missile defense system; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia view with growing concern the proliferation
3 and buildup of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons of mass destruction and missile
4 delivery systems for these weapons in the hands of hostile, or potentially hostile, and
5 unstable foreign regimes; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the tragedy of September 11, 2001, shows that America is vulnerable to attack
7 by foreign enemies; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is highly vulnerable to potential terrorist attack due to the
9 recognized number of high-value targets within our borders; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the nature of nontraditional threats to U.S. security is increasing daily from
11 rogue regimes developing increasingly accurate long-range missile systems that can deliver
12 both nuclear and biochemical warheads; and
- 13 WHEREAS, North Korea has clearly established its intention to proceed with the further
14 development of its offensive ballistic missiles and nuclear armaments, either as instruments
15 of blackmail and extortion or for operational deployment, thereby contravening all previous
16 nonproliferation agreements and understandings, with the effect of threatening the security
17 of South Korea, Japan, and the United States; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Georgia is a major center for the on-going research involved in deploying a
19 missile defense system for the United States; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia wish to affirm their support of the
21 government of the United States to take all actions necessary to protect the people of

1 America and future generations, including from attacks by missiles capable of causing mass
2 destruction and loss of American lives.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
4 GEORGIA that:

5 (1) The General Assembly of Georgia hereby supports the President of the United States
6 in continuing to take all actions necessary, directing the considerable scientific and
7 technological capability of the great Union, to protect all 50 states and their people, our
8 allies, and our armed forces abroad from the threat of missile attack; and

9 (2) The General Assembly of Georgia hereby conveys to the President of the United
10 States and the Congress the sense that a nationwide, effective missile defense system will
11 require the deployment of a robust, multilayered architecture consisting of integrated land
12 based, sea based, and space based capabilities to deter evolving future threats from
13 missiles as weapons of mass destruction and to meet and destroy them when necessary;
14 and

15 (3) The General Assembly of Georgia appeals to the President of the United States and
16 Congress to plan and fund a missile defense system beyond 2005 that would consolidate
17 technological advancement and expansion from the limited applications currently
18 planned.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the President of the United States; the
21 president, majority leader, and minority leader of the United States Senate; the speaker and
22 minority leader of the United States House of Representatives; and each member of Congress
23 from the State of Georgia.