

Senate Resolution 129

By: Senators Schaefer of the 50th, Balfour of the 9th, Pearson of the 51st, Thomas of the 54th, Cagle of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging national support for the State of Israel and declaring the support of the State of
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Jewish people have had over 4,000 years of continuity in their ancestral
4 homeland and have been subjected to unspeakable horrors of terror by others throughout
5 their history; and

6 WHEREAS, the Holocaust of the Nazi terror regime, when over six million Jewish people
7 were killed only because of their beliefs, gave need for a state for safe haven for Jews; and

8 WHEREAS, for more than five decades since the legal establishment of the State of Israel,
9 its people have been subjected to continual terrorist activities and wars by its neighbors; and

10 WHEREAS, it is the moral right and duty for any legally established nation to protect its
11 people and its existence as Israel has done and continues to do; and

12 WHEREAS, Palestinian organizations are engaging in an organized, systematic, and
13 deliberate campaign of terror aimed at inflicting as many casualties as possible on the Israeli
14 population, including through the use of suicide terrorist attacks; and

15 WHEREAS, even though in 1967 all of the West Bank, half of Jerusalem, and all of the cities
16 contained in the lands thereof were under the complete control of the Arabs, the Arabs,
17 without provocation, still attacked Israel with the stated purpose being the complete and total
18 elimination of the State of Israel; and

19 WHEREAS, the actions of the Palestinian leadership intentionally target civilians of Israel
20 to be killed, which is the definition of terrorism, thus making all those who pursue these
21 actions terrorists; and

1 WHEREAS, the actions of the State of Israel have been only to hunt down and bring to
2 justice the terrorists and those who support and harbor terrorism in order to protect the
3 citizens of the State of Israel which is the first duty of any sovereign, peaceful state in the
4 world; and

5 WHEREAS, Israel has consistently pursued these goals with the stated goal of not harming
6 innocent civilians in any way, therefore making their actions legally defensive rather than
7 terrorist; and

8 WHEREAS, Israel is doing nothing more than the United States' actions to hunt down and
9 bring to justice the terrorists and the terrorist organizations involved in the terrorist acts
10 against innocent civilians in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania on September 11,
11 2001; and

12 WHEREAS, the people of Georgia, along with all Americans, grieve the senseless loss of
13 innocent lives due to such infamous acts of terror and evil throughout our world; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia claims many of her native men and women serving in
15 combat in the war against terror at this time; and

16 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia stands to be recognized as being of unequivocal support
17 for the State of Israel in its dire need to maintain its existence as a country and a democracy
18 at this time.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 support the State of Israel and its relentless battle against terrorism and for all people
21 suffering at the hands of terrorism and realize that animosity stems against Israel for being
22 representative of western democratic values and urge President George W. Bush and the
23 governors of all of the states of the United States of America to remain steadfast in support
24 of the State of Israel and for all who battle and are victims of senseless acts of evil and all
25 forms of terrorism at this critical time, not only as a continuing act of justice, but also as a
26 continuing and integral statement of principles for which we, as Americans and Georgians,
27 are now actively waging war.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the
30 Georgia delegation to the United States Congress, the governors of all of the states of the

- 1 United States of America, and to the Israeli embassy in Washington, D. C., for transmission
- 2 to all of the proper authorities in the State of Israel.