

Senate Resolution 589

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th and Adelman of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange program at Georgia
2 State University; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1992, Georgia State University and Georgia law enforcement leaders came
4 together in a joint project to establish the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange
5 (GILEE) program; and

6 WHEREAS, the GILEE program is directed by Georgia State University Professor Dr.
7 Robert R. Friedmann, a nationally known expert in the field of criminal justice and
8 counter-terrorism; and

9 WHEREAS, one of the primary objectives of the GILEE program is to enhance cooperation
10 between State of Georgia law enforcement leaders and the Israel National Police; and

11 WHEREAS, GILEE provides professional educational programs that facilitate the exchange
12 of valuable knowledge between senior Israeli law enforcement officials and senior Georgia
13 law enforcement officials with a focus on counter-terrorism; and

14 WHEREAS, in this post 9-11 period, it is essential that governmental agencies and countries
15 share their knowledge and experiences to combat the immense threat of terrorism and
16 increase public safety throughout the world; and

17 WHEREAS, since the program's inception, large delegations of senior Israeli law
18 enforcement officers have visited Georgia and 14 delegations from Georgia have visited
19 Israel, and specialized training within the GILEE program has included the exchange of
20 bomb disposal agents between the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Israel; and

21 WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1992, GILEE has carried out 88 programs for 431 law
22 enforcement executives from Austria, Canada, China, Florida, Georgia, Hungary, Indiana,

1 Israel, Japan, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North
2 Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, DC, and West
3 Virginia; and

4 WHEREAS, GILEE provided 18 special briefings, seminars, and workshops on issues
5 related to homeland security and conferences for more than 4,000 law enforcement and
6 public safety officials representing agencies in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California,
7 Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, North
8 Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah; and

9 WHEREAS, the GILEE program provided valuable assistance in matters of anti-terrorism
10 during the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and the 2004 G-8 conference on Sea Island; and

11 WHEREAS, the GILEE program has established a network between Georgia law
12 enforcement and the British Council of Atlanta to discuss and implement homeland security
13 measures; and

14 WHEREAS, the GILEE program continues to serve the citizens of Georgia and the United
15 States by focusing its leadership development efforts in the areas of homeland security and
16 complex law enforcement operations.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 recognize the GILEE for its tremendous service to the law enforcement community in
19 Georgia and around the world, commend its law enforcement exchange program with the
20 Israel National Police, and heartily express their gratitude for GILEE's indispensable efforts
21 in defending the citizens of this country from terrorism and other threats.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Robert R. Friedmann.