

## Senate Resolution 397

By: Senators McKoon of the 29th, Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Extending sympathies and encouragement to the nation of Japan in their hour of need; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011, the nation of Japan was devastated by an earthquake that  
4 measured 8.9 on the Richter scale; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to the direct damage caused by the earthquake to structures and  
6 roads, the people of Japan were struck with a devastating tsunami hours later that flooded the  
7 coastline; and

8 WHEREAS, Japan has been hit by one of the largest earthquakes to strike the nation in  
9 recent years, and her people are struggling to reclaim the lives they once knew; and

10 WHEREAS, the heartbreaking tragedy has touched every American, and our thoughts and  
11 prayers go out to those in Japan struggling with these calamitous and unexpected events; and

12 WHEREAS, the exact number of those lost in the wake of the tsunami is still unknown, and  
13 this nation and the people of Georgia offer Japan our condolences and prayers in their time  
14 of need; and

15 WHEREAS, although there are simply no words adequate to assuage the anguish which these  
16 catastrophic events have caused in the hearts and lives of the victims, the thoughts,  
17 condolences, and prayers of all Georgians go out to the nation of Japan, especially the  
18 victims and their families, in the hope that it may help to begin the healing of hearts and  
19 spirits and to lessen the pain from this natural disaster.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 express their deepest and most profound regret at the tragic fatalities and damage caused by

22 the earthquake and tsunami in Japan and extend their friendship and support across the world  
23 to this strong and resilient nation.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Consulate General to Japan.