

House Resolution 1442

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Ashe of the 56th, Stephens of the 164th, Jacobs of the 80th, Abrams of the 84th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Consul General Opher Aviran and inviting him to be recognized by the House
2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Consul General Opher Aviran was appointed in August of 2010 to serve as the
4 Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Consul General Aviran, through his warm relationships with the Governor of
6 Georgia and members of the Georgia General Assembly, has promoted political and strategic
7 cooperation between the State of Israel and the State of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he has worked to further the economic ties between the State of Israel and the
9 State of Georgia in the fields of health care, water technology, defense, and homeland
10 security; and

11 WHEREAS, Consul General Aviran has bolstered the historical bond between African
12 American and Jewish communities through the establishment of the African American Israel
13 Partnership (AAIP); and

14 WHEREAS, he has strengthened the collaboration between Georgia's academic institutions
15 and leading universities in Israel; and

16 WHEREAS, he joined Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1983, and has since served as
17 the Second Secretary, Deputy Chief of Mission at the embassy in Rangoon, Burma; Cultural
18 and Scientific Affairs Attache at the Embassy of Israel in The Hague, Netherlands; and
19 Counselor, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Israeli Embassy in Canberra, Australia; and

20 WHEREAS, he has worked in Israel in a variety of high level national security positions,
21 including an appointment as Director of the Jordanian, Syrian, and Lebanese Affairs

22 Department in Jerusalem in 1999, and Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the Israel Defense
23 Forces Planning Branch in Tel Aviv in 2004; and

24 WHEREAS, Consul General Aviran spent several years overseeing the professional
25 development of his colleagues as Director of the Cadet Course within the Foreign Ministry's
26 Training Division, and also was Director of Personal Training for Israel's Senior and Junior
27 Diplomatic Training Program; and

28 WHEREAS, he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from Hebrew
29 University in Jerusalem and a master's degree in political science with a specialty in National
30 Security Studies from the University of Haifa and National Defense College; and

31 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Talyah, and is blessed with three
32 remarkable daughters, Adi, Noa, and Reut; and

33 WHEREAS, Consul General Opher Aviran hopes to promote political and strategic
34 cooperation between the State of Israel and the Southeast United States, furthering
35 opportunities to grow economic and commercial partnerships; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
37 this distinguished gentleman be appropriately recognized.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body commend the special friendship between Georgia and Israel,
40 express their appreciation to Consul General Opher Aviran for his efforts to promote
41 economic and commercial partnerships between the two nations, and invite him to be
42 recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of
43 the House of Representatives.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Consul General Opher
46 Aviran.