

House Resolution 2054

By: Representatives Teasley of the 38th, Coomer of the 14th, England of the 108th, Jackson of the 142nd, Abrams of the 84th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the State of Israel; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Jewish people established the sovereign and independent State of Israel on
3 May 14, 1948, and the United States immediately established full diplomatic relations with
4 Israel; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Israel has a pluralistic democratic political system that contains the most vibrant
6 light for freedom in the Middle East, and it is the region's most dedicated country in
7 protecting the rights of ethnic minorities; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in March of 1992, an American-Israel Chamber of Commerce was established
9 in the Southeastern Region, and Governor Zell Miller and Consul General Alon Liel signed
10 a Memorandum of Understanding establishing an official partnership between the State of
11 Georgia and the State of Israel in December of 1992; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade, and Tourism signed an agreement
13 to established a Middle East Trade Office in Israel in June of 1996, and in June of 2000,
14 Governor Roy Barnes led a technology and trade mission with the major objective of
15 promoting Georgia for Israeli investment; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Israel have maintained a special relationship based on
17 mutually shared democratic values, common strategic interests, and moral bonds of
18 friendship and mutual respect and Israel has continually demonstrated that it is
19 pro-American; and
- 20 WHEREAS, 2012 marks 64 years of the historic significance of the reestablishment of the
21 sovereign and independent State of Israel as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

22 WHEREAS, Israel is not what is wrong about the Middle East; Israel is what is right about
23 the Middle East; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend the special friendship between Georgia and Israel and
29 their efforts to promote economic and commercial partnerships between two nations.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.