

Senate Resolution 331

By: Senators Davis of the 22nd, Hill of the 6th and Williams of the 19th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging federal, state, and local government agencies not to contract with persons or
2 businesses that are engaged in investment activities in Iran; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Congress and the President have determined that the illicit nuclear activities of
4 the government of Iran, combined with its development of unconventional weapons and
5 ballistic missiles and its support of international terrorism, represent a serious threat to the
6 security of the United States, Israel, and other United States allies in Europe, the Middle
7 East, and around the world; and

8 WHEREAS, the International Atomic Energy Agency has repeatedly called attention to Iran's
9 unlawful nuclear activities, and, as a result, the United Nations Security Council has adopted
10 a range of sanctions designed to encourage the government of Iran to cease those activities
11 and comply with its obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear
12 Weapons; and

13 WHEREAS, on July 1, 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law H.R. 2194, the
14 "Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010" (Public Law
15 111-195), which expressly authorizes states and local governments to prevent investment in,
16 including prohibiting entry into or renewing contracts with, companies operating in Iran's
17 energy sector with investments that have the result of directly or indirectly supporting the
18 efforts of the government of Iran to achieve nuclear weapons capability; and

19 WHEREAS, the serious and urgent nature of the threat from Iran demands that states, local
20 governments, and private institutions work together with the federal government and
21 American allies to do everything possible diplomatically, politically, and economically to
22 prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons capability; and

23 WHEREAS, respect for human rights in Iran has steadily deteriorated as demonstrated by
24 transparently fraudulent elections and the brutal repression and murder, arbitrary arrests, and
25 show trials of peaceful dissidents; and

26 WHEREAS, the concerns of this state and the members of the General Assembly regarding
27 Iran are strictly the result of the actions of the government of Iran and should not be
28 construed as enmity towards the Iranian people; and

29 WHEREAS, in order to effectively address the need for this state to respond to the policies
30 of Iran in a uniform fashion, prohibiting contracts with persons engaged in investment
31 activities in the energy sector of Iran must be accomplished on a state-wide basis.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 urge federal, state, and local government agencies not to contract with persons or businesses
34 that are engaged in investment activities in Iran, unless otherwise permitted by federal law.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of the Georgia congressional
37 delegation, Governor Nathan Deal, the executive director of the Georgia Association of
38 County Commissioners, and the executive director of the Georgia Municipal Association.