

House Resolution 119

By: Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Jones of the 47th, Teasley of the 37th, Henson of the 86th, Gravley of the 67th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the State of Israel; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Israel have a strong history of mutual friendship,
3 admiration, and respect; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia and Israel have deep bonds of beneficial
5 business, bi-lateral trade, and economic interests; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia and Israel are committed to free market
7 economic principles of individual liberty; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia and Israel are recognized for their
9 innovations in advanced farming, harvesting, and irrigation techniques that benefit all of
10 humankind; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the State of Israel both are endowed with leading
12 research universities and other organizations of higher learning and technical advancement
13 that benefit their citizens and all of humankind; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia recognize the importance of expressing
15 support for the Israeli people and the State of Israel's right to exist and the right of
16 self-defense; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Israel has a pluralistic democratic political system that contains the most vibrant
18 light for freedom in the Middle East, and it is the region's most dedicated country in
19 protecting the rights of ethnic minorities; and

20 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Israel have maintained a special relationship based on
21 mutually shared democratic values, common geopolitical strategic interests, and moral bonds
22 of friendship, fellowship, good will, and mutual respect; and

23 WHEREAS, Israel has always been one of America's most ardent and steadfast supporters;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia believe that all sovereign nations have a
26 responsibility to all of its citizens to ensure safe and secure borders for its people; and

27 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia commend the State of Israel for its goal to
28 live in peace, harmony, and stability with all people and nations of the world that bear good
29 will and no ill harm to the State of Israel; and

30 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia and the State of Israel enjoy enriching
31 culture, social, governmental, and educational relationships and interactions; and

32 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia and the State of Israel both have a long
33 history of religious faith that has enriched our mutual communities and our people; and

34 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia embrace our national motto, "In God We
35 Trust" that was signed into law in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and relying on
36 that trust we pray for long, enduring peace for the State of Israel.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize and commend the strong, unwavering support of
39 friendship to the people of the State of Israel.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
42 public and the press.