

## House Resolution 280

By: Representatives Beskin of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Price of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Cooper of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Taylor of the 79<sup>th</sup>, Clark of the 98<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Nation of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the  
2 United States and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States, having been the first country to recognize Israel as an  
4 independent nation, is Israel's principal ally and has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial  
5 relationship with Israel and its people; and

6 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East, and  
7 the values of the two nations are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the  
8 other; and

9 WHEREAS, there are those in the Middle East who have continually sought to destroy Israel  
10 from the time of its inception as a state, and those same enemies of Israel also hate and seek  
11 to destroy the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Israel have enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial  
13 relations since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year; and

14 WHEREAS, there is a special bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and Israel  
15 that inspires the people of Georgia to stand with the people of Israel in solidarity and  
16 welcome all opportunities to grow our already deep relationship at all levels, including  
17 cultural, academic, and business endeavors; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is proud to serve as home to the Israeli Consulate General  
19 for the Southeast; and

20 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is proud to be the home of more than 45 Israeli companies  
21 that employ more than 2,000 people; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Economic Development operates an established  
23 trade office in Israel; and

24 WHEREAS, the cities of Atlanta, Georgia, and Ra'anana, Israel, are official sister cities.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship  
27 with the United States and with the State of Georgia and support Israel in its legal, historical,  
28 moral, and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense upon the entirety of its own  
29 lands, recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of  
30 others and that peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united Israel.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 Israeli Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable Consul General, and the Georgia  
34 congressional delegation.