

House Resolution 1095

By: Representatives Teasley of the 37th, Silcox of the 52nd, Hanson of the 80th, Brockway of the 102nd, Raffensperger of the 50th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the State of Israel on its 70th anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Jewish people established the sovereign and independent State of Israel on
4 May 14, 1948, and the United States immediately established full diplomatic relations with
5 Israel; and

6 WHEREAS, Israel has a pluralistic democratic political system that contains the most vibrant
7 light for freedom in the Middle East, and it is the region's most dedicated country in
8 protecting the rights of ethnic and religious minorities; and

9 WHEREAS, in March of 1992, an American-Israeli Chamber of Commerce was established
10 in the Southeastern Region, and in December of 1992, Governor Zell Miller and Consul
11 General Alon Liel signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing an official
12 partnership between the State of Georgia and the State of Israel; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade, and Tourism signed an agreement
14 to establish a Middle East Trade Office in Israel in June of 1996, and in June of 2000,
15 Governor Roy Barnes led a technology and trade mission with the major objective of
16 promoting Georgia for Israeli investment; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Israel have maintained a special relationship based on
18 mutually shared democratic values, common strategic interests, and moral bonds of
19 friendship and mutual respect, and Israel has continually demonstrated that it is an
20 unwavering supporter of the United States of America; and

21 WHEREAS, 2018 marks 70 years of the historic significance of the reestablishment of the
22 sovereign and independent State of Israel as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize the State of Israel on its 70th anniversary and commend
28 the special friendship between Georgia and Israel.

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