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Senate Resolution 1248

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd and Pearson of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing cultural, economic, and educational cooperation with the Republic of India; and
- 2 for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, there is a bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and the Republic
- 4 of India; and
- 5 WHEREAS, People of Indian Origin (PIO) living in Georgia and the citizens of our state
- 6 welcome opportunities to grow our relationship at all levels including cultural, academic,
- 7 economic, and business; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud that Georgia based companies such as the Coca-Cola
- 9 Company, United Parcel Service, Delta Air Lines, Inter-Continental Hotels, CNN, GE
- 10 Energy, Scientific Atlanta (CISCO), and many other companies have operations in India; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud that a growing number of Indian companies such as WIPRO,
- 12 NIIT, Infosys Technologies, L & T Technology, Mahindra, Patni Computer Systems, Prabhat
- 13 Industries, Satyam Computer Services, Sonata, Tata Consultancy Service, and many other
- 14 companies have operations in Georgia; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to have a life-size bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the recent endeavor to work toward establishing a Sister City relationship
- between the City of Atlanta and the City of Ahmedabad, as global centers for the study of
- 19 nonviolence in the spirit of Mohandas K. Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., and to enhance
- 20 business, cultural, and educational bonds between Georgia and the Republic of India
- 21 continues; and

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1 WHEREAS, many Georgia colleges and universities also have ties with India, among them

- 2 Emory University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, and the
- 3 University of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, India is a top destination for Georgia tourists with Delta Air Lines offering
- 5 nonstop service from Atlanta to Mumbai; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to be home to the Georgia Association of Physicians from
- 7 India (GAPI), the Gandhi Foundation of USA (GFUSA), the Asian American Hotel Motel
- 8 Owners Association (AAHOA), the Indian American Cultural Association (IACA), the
- 9 Asian-American Chamber of Commerce (AACC), and the Georgian Indo American
- 10 Chamber of Commerce; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Atlanta and all of Georgia would be honored to be selected to serve as the home
- 12 of the next Consulate General of India.
- 13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 14 recognize the special friendship between Georgia and India and express our appreciation to
- 15 His Excellency, Ronen Sen, Ambassador of India to the United States of America for his
- 16 efforts to promote peace and grow cultural, academic, economic, and educational ties
- 17 between our two nations.
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to his Excellency Ronen Sen.