

Senate Resolution 4EX

By: Senators Brass of the 28th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing support for the Nation of Israel and the Jewish people as well as condemning
2 terroristic attacks upon the Nation of Israel and antisemitic acts and speech in the United
3 States; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, the terrorist organization Hamas launched a sudden and
5 violent attack on the Nation of Israel, killing and wounding thousands, including women and
6 children, and taking numerous civilians as hostages; and

7 WHEREAS, American citizens were among those killed in the attack; and

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

11 WHEREAS, the Senate has recognized numerous times that there is a special bond of
12 friendship between the citizens of Georgia and Israel that inspires the people of Georgia to
13 stand with the people of Israel in solidarity; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia proudly serves as the home of the Israeli Consulate General to the
15 Southeastern United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the Jewish people and their allies have been the subject of brutal violence, sneak
17 attacks, acts of genocide, and terroristic threats throughout the ages of history to the present
18 day; and

19 WHEREAS, the theocratic regime in the Islamic Republic of Iran regularly espouses hatred
20 and prejudice toward Jews and the people of Israel; has called for the destruction of Israel
21 numerous times since the Islamic revolution in Iran 44 years ago; and sponsors acts of
22 terrorism targeted at Jews, Jewish institutions, and allies of the Jewish community in Israel
23 and around the world; and

24 WHEREAS, violent and threatening acts against Jewish people and institutions continue in
25 the United States and the State of Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, the recent attacks on Israel and antisemitic stereotypes, attitudes, and speech
27 have been encouraged, praised, and justified by students and professors at colleges and
28 universities across the United States in the weeks following the October 7 attacks on Israel,
29 with one now-suspended professor calling the attacks "exhilarating" and "energizing";
30 another praising Israel's attackers with the words "they got walls we got gliders"; and another
31 denouncing Israelis as "pigs" and "savages"; and

32 WHEREAS, such attitudes and speech perpetuate hatred against Israel and the Jewish people,
33 dehumanize the victims of antisemitic violence and discrimination, excuse shameful acts of
34 terrorism motivated by antisemitism, encourage violence against Jews and Jewish
35 institutions, and reflect ignorance of the constant threat perpetrated against Israel and the

36 Jewish people by terrorist organizations like Hamas and state sponsors of terrorism like Iran;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, law enforcement officials across the United States have warned Americans to
39 remain vigilant against heightened risks of acts of violence in the United States inspired by
40 the October 7 attack against Israel and such dangerous rhetoric.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
42 condemn the terrorist attacks by Hamas on Israel on October 7, 2023, and the support of
43 terroristic organizations and acts by Iran.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body denounce hateful, ignorant,
45 and dangerous rhetoric in the United States and abroad that suggests Israel bears
46 responsibility for the brutal attacks on its people and homeland.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend college and
48 university administrations that have taken disciplinary action against faculty, staff, and
49 students who have espoused hateful rhetoric or made antisemitic threats of violence against
50 Jews and the Nation of Israel and call upon other college and university administrations to
51 do likewise.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body unequivocally acknowledge
53 that Israel has the right to exist and defend itself and that the Jewish people have the right to
54 live in peace and safety in their homes and communities and whatever country they reside.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage strong and
56 sustained efforts by Congress, the President of the United States, and other world leaders to
57 support and defend Israel and the Jewish people.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
59 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Consul
60 General of Israel to the Southeastern United States.