

Senate Resolution 36

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Goodman of the 8th, Jones II of the 22nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 27, 2025, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the State of
2 Georgia and reaffirming the commitment to combat antisemitism; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, January 27, 2025, marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of
4 Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest and most notorious Nazi concentration and extermination
5 camp, where approximately 1.1 million men, women, and children were systematically
6 murdered; and

7 WHEREAS, International Holocaust Remembrance Day is a solemn occasion to honor the
8 six million Jews and millions of other innocent victims who perished during the Holocaust,
9 while also serving as a reminder of the enduring need to confront hatred, bigotry, and
10 antisemitism; and

11 WHEREAS, antisemitism is on the rise globally, including in the State of Georgia, where
12 Jewish communities have faced growing incidents of hate and discrimination; and

13 WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, the Jewish people endured the deadliest attack against them
14 since the Holocaust by the terrorist organization Hamas while peacefully living in their

15 homeland, the State of Israel, underscoring the persistent and dangerous threat of
16 antisemitism worldwide; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly took a critical step in combating antisemitism
18 by passing House Bill 30 during the previous legislative session, formally adopting the
19 International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism into
20 Georgia law; and

21 WHEREAS, despite this progress, it is imperative that Georgia lawmakers remain vigilant
22 and proactive in addressing antisemitism in our schools, communities, and public institutions,
23 ensuring that hate and intolerance have no place in this state; and

24 WHEREAS, the observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day is not only a time
25 for reflection but also a call to action to combat contemporary forms of antisemitism and
26 safeguard the rights and dignity of all people.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize January 27, 2025, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Georgia, honor
29 the memory of the victims of the Holocaust, condemn all forms of antisemitism and hate, and
30 reaffirm the commitment to fostering a state that stands firmly against prejudice and
31 discrimination.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
34 press.