

Senate Resolution 956

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Jones II of the 22nd and Echols of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the arrival of the Upper Austrian Parliamentary Delegation in the State of
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has maintained a longstanding, mutually beneficial
4 relationship with the Republic of Austria, which established a consular presence in Georgia
5 in 1949 and is represented by Ambassador Petra Schneebeauer at the Embassy of Austria in
6 Washington, D.C.; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Austria, where
8 Mr. Paul Seefried has served as honorary consul since 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Economic Development has maintained continuous
10 representation in Europe since 1973, strengthening economic ties and assisting European
11 firms locating in Georgia and Georgia companies exporting to Europe; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia and the Province of Upper Austria are members of the Regional
13 Leaders Summit, fostering cooperation among leading international regions; and

14 WHEREAS, academic, legal, and cultural partnerships continue through University System
15 of Georgia study abroad programs in Austria, collaboration between the Atlanta Center for
16 International Arbitration and the Vienna International Arbitral Centre, and artistic exchanges
17 and museum exhibitions; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2023, Austrian visitors contributed \$7.9 million to Georgia's economy, and
19 trade between Georgia and Austria remains strong, with \$34 million in Georgia exports and
20 \$1.3 billion in imports.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 celebrate the arrival of the Upper Austrian Parliamentary Delegation in the State of Georgia
23 and extend warm best wishes for a productive and meaningful visit.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Upper Austrian
26 Parliamentary Delegation.