

House Resolution 1796

By: Representatives Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th, Holly of the 116th, Romman of the 97th,
and Cannon of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging all state departments and agencies responsible for the management of public funds
2 to review and, where appropriate, divest from investments in Israeli bonds; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is committed to advancing justice, equity, and the
5 protection of human rights for all people; and

6 WHEREAS, public funds represent not only financial resources but also the values and
7 principles of the people of Georgia, and therefore should be invested in a manner consistent
8 with those values; and

9 WHEREAS, ethical investment practices call for transparency, accountability, and the
10 avoidance of financial involvement in activities that may contribute to violence, instability,
11 or human rights concerns; and

12 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the use of public funds in investments that
13 may be connected, directly or indirectly, to ongoing conflicts and humanitarian crises abroad;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia have expressed interest in ensuring that state managed
16 investments reflect principles of peace, human dignity, and responsible stewardship of public
17 resources; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has a responsibility to regularly review and evaluate its
19 investment practices to ensure alignment with evolving ethical standards and public
20 expectations; and

21 WHEREAS, increased transparency and oversight in state investment portfolios can
22 strengthen public trust and ensure that financial decisions are made in a manner consistent
23 with the values of the people of this state.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body urge all state departments and agencies responsible for the
26 management of public funds to review and, where appropriate, divest from investments in
27 Israeli bonds.

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