

House Resolution 1165

By: Representatives Wilensky of the 79th, Gravley of the 67th, Bazemore of the 63rd, Carson of the 46th, Smyre of the 135th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Nation of Israel for its meaningful and mutually beneficial relationship
2 with the United States and with the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States, having been the first country to recognize Israel as an
4 independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial
5 relationship with Israel and her people; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants, and Israeli-Americans contribute
7 invaluable innovations and skills that enhance our quality of life and promote the economic
8 prosperity of our state and country; and

9 WHEREAS, Israel is one of the smallest countries in the world, yet it is also one of the world
10 leaders in technology and innovation as well as a world leader in the number of start-ups per
11 capita; and

12 WHEREAS, Israel is also an "Impact Nation," harnessing its technological innovation for
13 the greater good to address global challenges and goals, such as sustainable energy, water
14 management, cyber security, and medical innovations, to name a few; and

15 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East, and
16 the values of our two nations are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the
17 other; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1994, Georgia established an official representation in Israel through the
19 Georgia Department of Economic Development, which has played an important role in
20 further strengthening our bilateral relations in trade, academia, tourism, and more; and

21 WHEREAS, there is a special bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and Israel
22 that inspires the people of Georgia to stand with the people of Israel in solidarity and
23 welcome all opportunities to grow our already deep relationship at all levels, including
24 cultural, academic, and business endeavors; and

25 WHEREAS, the strong bond between the State of Georgia and Israel is represented by
26 cultural, economic, academic, and research and development exchanges that contribute
27 material to all Georgians, exemplified by the robust exchanges of Georgia's law enforcement
28 professionals with Israel through the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange
29 (GILEE); and

30 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to serve as home to the Israeli Consulate General to the
31 Southeastern United States; and

32 WHEREAS, today, over 100 Georgia companies have discovered the benefits of doing
33 business in Israel, and over 90 Israeli companies have established headquarters, operation
34 centers, or manufacturing facilities in Georgia, with trade sectors including a wide range of
35 fields such as fintech, cyber security, health care, aerospace, E-commerce and agritech; and

36 WHEREAS, the United States played a key role in the historic Abraham Accords,
37 normalizing relations between Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain; and

38 WHEREAS, the Abraham Accords paved the way for further regional cooperation and a new
39 era of peace and economic prosperity between Israel and Arab countries working together
40 for a better future for their peoples; and

41 WHEREAS, the deepening regional ties sparked by the Abraham Accords are opening
42 further opportunities for expanding economic relations between Georgia, the State of Israel,
43 and other countries in the Middle East.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
45 the members of this body commend Israel for its meaningful and mutually beneficial
46 relationship with the United States and with the State of Georgia and support Israel in its
47 legal, historical, and moral right to its re-established independence and recognize the Jewish
48 people's right to self-determination in their ancient homeland.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
50 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
51 Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern United States.