

House Resolution 446

By: Representatives Mughal of the 105th, Stephens of the 164th, Cheokas of the 151st, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Stoner of the 40th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the Province of Sindh's status as a sister state with Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sindh was the site of one of the cradle of civilizations, the Bronze Age Indus
3 Valley civilization, which flourished from about 3000 BCE. Sindh is home to two
4 UNESCO-designated World Heritage Sites: the Makli Necropolis and Mohenjo-daro; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the economy of Sindh is the second-largest in Pakistan; its provincial capital
6 of Karachi is the most populous city in the country as well as its main financial hub; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Sindh is home to a large portion of Pakistan's industrial sector and contains two
8 of the country's busiest commercial seaports: Port Qasim and the Port of Karachi. The
9 remainder of Sindh consists of an agriculture-based economy and produces fruits, consumer
10 items, and vegetables for other parts of the country, similar to the State of Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, much of Sindh's economy is influenced by the economy of Karachi, the largest
12 city and economic capital of the country. Historically, Sindh's contribution to Pakistan's
13 GDP has been between 30 percent to 32.7 percent; and

14 WHEREAS the Province of Sindh is endowed with coastal access and is a major center of
15 economic activity in Pakistan with a highly diversified economy ranging from heavy industry
16 and finance centered in and around Karachi to a substantial agricultural base along the Indus.
17 Manufacturing includes machine products, cement, plastics, and various other goods; and

18 WHEREAS, agriculture plays an important role in Sindh with cotton, rice, wheat, sugar cane,
19 bananas, and mangoes as the most important crops. The largest and finer quality of rice is
20 produced in the Larkano district; and

21 WHEREAS, Sindh is the richest province in natural resources of gas, petrol, and coal; and

22 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to the Honorable Farooq Mughal, the first Pakistan-American
23 and Sindhi-American elected to the Georgia House of Representatives; and

24 WHEREAS, a sister-state relationship between the State of Georgia and the Province of
25 Sindh would promote mutual trade and commerce and increase the potential for educational,
26 environmental, and cultural relations between the Province of Sindh and the State of Georgia;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Georgia, on behalf of the people of Georgia,
29 extends to the people of the Province of Sindh an invitation to join with Georgia in a
30 sister-state relationship until December 31, 2026, in order to encourage and facilitate
31 mutually beneficial economic, educational, environmental, and cultural exchanges and to
32 lead to a more indelible and lasting relationship between Georgians and the people of the
33 Province of Sindh.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 any sister state agreement developed will identify objectives, areas of mutual interest, a list
36 of potential activities, and an initial list of public and private partners that will help to
37 advance the purposes of the sister state agreement, including one or more entities that will
38 serve as facilitators and general points of contact.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
41 Governor of Georgia, State Representative Farooq Mughal, the Governor of Sindh, the
42 Legislature of Sindh, and the representatives from Georgia in the United States Congress.