

## Senate Resolution 281

By: Senators Esteves of the 6th, Anderson of the 43rd, Albers of the 56th, Rhett of the 33rd, Hatchett of the 50th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the State of Israel upon its 75th anniversary; and for other purposes.
  
- 2 WHEREAS, the Jewish people established the sovereign and independent State of Israel on  
3 May 14, 1948, and the United States immediately recognized and established full diplomatic  
4 relations with Israel; and
  
- 5 WHEREAS, 2023 marks 75 years of the realization of the Zionist dream, of the Jewish  
6 people regaining independence in their ancient homeland; and
  
- 7 WHEREAS, Israel is one of the smallest countries in the world, yet it is also one of the world  
8 leaders in technology and innovation as well as a world leader in the number of start-ups per  
9 capita; and
  
- 10 WHEREAS, Israel is also an "Impact Nation," harnessing its technological innovation for  
11 the greater good to address global challenges and goals, such as sustainable energy, water  
12 management, cyber security, and medical innovations, to name a few; and
  
- 13 WHEREAS, 2023 also marks 75 years of robust United States and Israel relations, reflected  
14 in the relations between the State of Georgia and Israel, a special relationship based on

15 mutually shared democratic values, common strategic interests, and moral bonds of  
16 friendship and mutual respect; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is an unequivocal supporter of the State of Israel and its  
18 right to defend itself against terror and any threat to its security; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, the strong bond between the State of Georgia and Israel is reflected in the  
25 extensive political, cultural, economic, academic, and research and development exchanges  
26 that contribute to both our peoples, which is exemplified by the robust exchanges of  
27 Georgia's law enforcement professionals with Israel through the Georgia International Law  
28 Enforcement Exchange (GILEE); and

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

33 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East, and  
34 the United States played a key role in establishing the historic Abraham Accords,  
35 normalizing relations between Israel, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Morocco; and

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

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

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
43 commend the State of Israel upon the grand occasion of its 75th anniversary; support Israel  
44 in its legal, historical, and moral right to its re-established independence; and recognize the  
45 Jewish people's right to self-determination in their ancient homeland.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
47 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Consul  
48 General of Israel to the Southeastern United States.