

Senate Resolution 50

By: Senators Jordan of the 6th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Harrell of the 40th, Rahman of the 5th, Martin of the 9th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing cultural, economic, and educational cooperation with the United Kingdom of
2 Great Britain and Northern Ireland and commending the Consul General Andrew Staunton
3 of the United Kingdom for his indefatigable efforts on behalf of the special relationship
4 between the United Kingdom and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, there is a special bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and the
6 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the people of Georgia welcome
7 all opportunities to grow a deeper relationship at all levels, including cultural, academic,
8 business, and others; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is proud to serve as home to the British Consulate General
10 for the Southeast; and

11 WHEREAS, Andrew Staunton serves in Atlanta as Her Majesty's Consul General; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is proud to be the home of approximately 330 U.K.
13 facilities operating in Georgia; these U.K. affiliated facilities employ more than 18,800
14 Georgians; and

15 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has had continuous representation in the United Kingdom
16 since 2002, and Mike Harling has led the state's economic development efforts in this market
17 since the position was established; and

18 WHEREAS, the British-American Business Council of Georgia (BABC-GA) is one of the
19 largest 20 transatlantic business networks; with Carl Newton serving as president, this
20 organization is dedicated to promoting connections, trade, and investments by supporting
21 economic growth between the southeastern United States and the United Kingdom; and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has two official Sister-City agreements with the United
23 Kingdom: LaGrange-Craigavon and Atlanta-Newcastle upon Tyne; and

24 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia offers 80 study abroad programs to the United
25 Kingdom, including business, religious studies, art history, public policy, theater, and film;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, the United Kingdom is a top export destination for the State of Georgia, with
28 exports totaling over \$1.28 billion, including civilian aircrafts and parts, wood pellets, paper
29 and paperboard, peanuts, and combustion piston engines; and

30 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia's imports from the United Kingdom totaled \$3.96 billion,
31 with top imports including motor vehicles, fork-lift trucks, turbojets, medicaments, and parts
32 of airplanes and helicopters; and

33 WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines, Virgin Atlantic, and British Airways offer daily direct flights
34 between Atlanta and London, providing the opportunity for business and cultural
35 relationships to grow; and

36 WHEREAS, over 100,000 British tourists visited the State of Georgia, contributing more
37 than \$170 million to Georgia's economy; and

38 WHEREAS, the United States and United Kingdom military relations are historically strong,
39 with the British Royal Navy working with the United States Navy at Kings Bay Naval Base.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
41 express cultural, economic, and educational cooperation with the United Kingdom of Great
42 Britain and Northern Ireland and commend the Consul General Andrew Staunton of the
43 United Kingdom for his indefatigable efforts on behalf of the special relationship between
44 the United Kingdom and the State of Georgia.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Consul General
47 Andrew Staunton.