

Senate Resolution 719

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Goodman of the 8th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dixon of the 45th, Kennedy of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning Jew-hatred in all of its forms and resolving to end the persecution and
2 discrimination against the Jewish community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for millennia, the Jewish people have sustained their shared religious, cultural,
4 and ethnic identity and traditions in the face of enslavement, persecution, genocide,
5 segregation, discrimination, and all manner of adversity; and

6 WHEREAS, ever since the first Jew set foot in America in 1654, members of the Jewish
7 community have made indelible contributions to the culture, history, and social fabric of the
8 State of Georgia and the United States of America, strengthening the country and helping
9 shape all areas of American life; and

10 WHEREAS, the belief in the greatness of the American way of life, the freedoms enshrined
11 in American law and jurisprudence, and the opportunities sustained by American democracy
12 drew generations of Jewish immigrants to America, including Jews fleeing persecution and
13 pogroms in Europe and the Middle East, Holocaust survivors, and Jews trapped behind the
14 Iron Curtain; and

15 WHEREAS, this history encouraged many Jews to become leading proponents and
16 supporters of the civil rights movement, marching shoulder to shoulder with African
17 Americans and others united in support for equal rights, equal protection under the law, and
18 the recognition and respect of human dignity; and

19 WHEREAS, the Jewish community has prominently participated in virtually every civil
20 rights effort in the American experience, fighting against discrimination and bigotry in all
21 its forms and demanding the equal rights of every member of society; and

22 WHEREAS, despite the advances made in promoting social justice for other minority groups,
23 the Jewish community has continued to be subjected to antisemitism and Jew-hatred,
24 including discrimination in the workplace, at school, and in public spaces; and

25 WHEREAS, this antisemitism and Jew-hatred has manifested in places of work, on
26 campuses, and in society, expressing itself as both discrimination and violence targeting Jews
27 for their identity and seeking to deny their shared identity, including their indigenous
28 connection to their ancestral homeland; and

29 WHEREAS, hate crimes directed against the Jewish community have skyrocketed in recent
30 years, inspiring the formation of a grassroots End Jew Hatred civil rights movement to alter
31 public discourse and make Jew-hatred unacceptable in contemporary society, empowering
32 Jews with positivity and strength to discover and enjoy their heritage in whichever manner
33 they choose without fear of attack or persecution; and

34 WHEREAS, we all share an obligation to condemn and combat Jew-hatred in all its forms;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, April 29, 2022, marked the recognition of the first #EndJewHatred Day, on
37 which people joined together to commit to ending Jew-hatred across the United States and
38 to work toward the promise of a bright future that can only be achieved by fighting racism
39 and bigotry today; and

40 WHEREAS, we recognize the urgent need to stand resolute against Jew-hatred so that the
41 intergenerational trauma of the past shall never be repeated.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
43 recognize the need to end Jew-hatred in this generation and recognize April 29, 2024, as
44 "End Jew Hatred Day" in the State of Georgia.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
47 press.