Senate Resolution 220

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd, Harbin of the 16th and others

A RESOLUTION

1   Recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel; and for other purposes.

2   WHEREAS, Georgia has a deep history and connection with the State of Israel; and

3   WHEREAS, former Governor Zell Miller established the Georgia-Israel Exchange in 1992
4   to explore emerging technology, enhance trade, encourage tourism, and jointly participate
5   in economic development programs; and

6   WHEREAS, Atlanta is home to the Consulate General of the State of Israel; and

7   WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has had continuous representation in Israel since 1994, and
8   Ronen Kenan has led the state's trade activities in Israel since 2010; and

9   WHEREAS, the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce Southeast Division, which was
10   established in 1992, to help Israeli and Southeastern business relationships and whose
11   chamber is headquartered in Atlanta; and

12   WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Chamber, it has been involved in completed
13   transactions valued at more than $1 billion; and

14   WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce signed a Memorandum of
15   Understanding with the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce in 2012 as an
16   agreement to work to strengthen economic relations between their countries; and

17   WHEREAS, the State of Israel has made its capital Jerusalem, the capital the Jewish people
18   established in ancient times; and

19   WHEREAS, in December, 2017, President Donald J. Trump moved the United States
20   embassy to Jerusalem.

21   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body

22   hereby recognize that Jerusalem is the capital of the State of Israel.

23   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed

24   to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the

25   press.