

SENATE RESOLUTION 327

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A RESOLUTION relative to pro-Hamas protests at American colleges and universities.

WHEREAS, after the barbaric attacks on Israel by Hamas on October 7, 2023, students across the country organized protests and vigils in solidarity with Hamas, praising the actions of the terrorist organization and chanting antisemitic slogans; and

WHEREAS, pro-Hamas student groups have recently disrupted education, transportation, work, and communication at their respective colleges and universities through intimidation fueled by violence and illegal activities, such as the takeover of campuses; and

WHEREAS, these mindless mobs express solidarity with Hamas terrorists and vocally support their atrocities, including the murder of children; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment has never included the right to riot, rule by intimidation, or destroy public and private property; and

WHEREAS, nor does peacefully redressing the government include the complete disruption of the normal activities on a college campus, including its primary function of education; and

WHEREAS, we denounce the rhetoric of anti-Israel, pro-Hamas student groups as antisemitic, repugnant, and morally contemptible for sympathizing with genocidal violence against the State of Israel and risking the physical safety of Jewish Americans in the United States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we request Tennessee's Congressional delegation to introduce and support legislation to withhold all federal funds from

any institution of higher education that permits pro-Hamas student groups on their campuses, with such withheld funds being utilized to repay the national debt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to each member of Tennessee's delegation to the U.S. Congress.