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S. RES. 418

Condemning Hamas and antisemitic student activities on college campuses
in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 19, 2023

Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. BUDD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

OCTOBER 26, 2023

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Condemning Hamas and antisemitic student activities on
college campuses in the United States.

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, the terrorist organization Hamas invaded Israel, massacred at least 1,400 Israeli civilians, wounded more than 3,700 civilians, and took unarmed civilians as hostages;

Whereas at least 30 United States citizens have been killed, and at least 13 United States citizens are still missing;

Whereas Hamas has perpetrated barbaric atrocities, including the targeted killing, rape, and mutilation of civilian men, women, and children, including infants;

Whereas, in the wake of such horrific attacks, students at universities in the United States have praised and justified the actions of Hamas, expressed solidarity with the terrorists, and vocally supported the atrocities of Hamas, including the murder of children;

Whereas students at Harvard University wrote that they “hold the Israeli regime entirely responsible for all unfolding violence”;

Whereas the President of the Student Bar Association of New York University School of Law wrote “to express, first and foremost, my unwavering and absolute solidarity with Palestinians in their resistance against oppression toward liberation and self-determination. Israel bears full responsibility for this tremendous loss of life”;

Whereas students at the Ohio State University praised “our heroic resistance in Gaza who have shown the world yet again that the spirit of the Palestinian people cannot and will not be trampled, and that our resistance to Zionism and Western imperialism remains strong”;

Whereas the University of North Carolina chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine claimed “it is our moral obligation to be in solidarity with the dispossessed, no matter the pathway to liberation they choose to take. This includes violence”;

Whereas the New York University chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine rejected “peaceful discourse” and instead claimed “there is no peace in a colonized people living under occupation, subjugation, and apartheid”;

Whereas the University of Virginia chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine declared that the mass murder of ci-

vilians was “an unprecedented feat for the 21st century” and “a step towards a free Palestine”;

Whereas Columbia University was forced to close its campus to the public after an Israeli student was violently assaulted;

Whereas students across the country have organized protests and vigils in solidarity with Hamas, praising the actions of the terrorist organization and chanting antisemitic slogans; and

Whereas the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has warned of increased threats in the United States by actors inspired by Hamas: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) fully and completely condemns the out-
3 rageous terrorist attacks by Hamas on the people of
4 Israel, which resulted in the mass murder of civil-
5 ians, including babies;

6 (2) denounces the rhetoric of anti-Israel, pro-
7 Hamas student groups as antisemitic, repugnant,
8 and morally contemptible for sympathizing with gen-
9 ocidal violence against the State of Israel and risk-
10 ing the physical safety of Jewish Americans in the
11 United States;

12 (3) acknowledges that Israel has the right to
13 exist and defend itself;

1 (4) emphasizes that Jewish Americans have the
2 right to safety and security in the United States;
3 and

4 (5) encourages the United States Government
5 to fully and completely support Israel and its right
6 to exist and defend itself.

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