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S. RES. 437

Condemning antisemitism at institutions of higher education in the United States and encouraging college and university leaders, administrators, and faculty to speak out against antisemitism.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 26, 2023

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Condemning antisemitism at institutions of higher education in the United States and encouraging college and university leaders, administrators, and faculty to speak out against antisemitism.

Whereas, in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on Israel by Hamas on October 7, 2023, there has been a rise in incidents of antisemitism, including hate speech and intimidation, on college campuses and universities in the United States, creating an atmosphere of fear for Jewish students and faculty;

Whereas the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance has developed a widely accepted working definition of antisemitism which can serve as a helpful tool for edu-

cation administrators and faculty to identify anti-semitism;

Whereas acts of hate, discrimination, and violence based on religion or ethnicity have no place at institutions that exist to further education and understanding between diverse student bodies; and

Whereas freedom of speech and expression are foundational principles of institutions of higher education in the United States, but when these principles are used to promote violence, hatred, or discrimination on the basis of religious beliefs, national origin, or ancestry, higher education leaders have the right and an obligation to respond: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) strongly condemns any instances of anti-
3 semitism occurring at colleges and universities in the
4 United States;

5 (2) encourages higher education leaders, includ-
6 ing presidents, deans, and administrators, to pub-
7 licly condemn speech that incites or celebrates vio-
8 lence against any people based on religious beliefs,
9 national origin, or ancestry; and

10 (3) encourages institutions of higher education
11 to engage with Jewish student organizations and en-
12 sure that Jewish students, faculty, and staff can
13 pursue their academic and personal aspirations with-
14 out fear.

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