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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. ERNST, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. HAGERTY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that acts of violence against Jewish people in the United States and around the world and the poisonous rhetoric from politicians and others promoted by the media that has helped inspire such violence is condemnable and has no place in society.

Whereas Jews across the United States have been threatened, cursed at, spit on, burned, and physically attacked in at least 193 antisemitic acts of violence during the first week of the 2021 conflict between Israel and Palestinians;

Whereas pro-Palestinian protestors threatened, shoved, and threw fireworks at bystanders in the Diamond District of Midtown Manhattan, an area with many Jewish-owned businesses;

Whereas pro-Palestinian protestors punched, threw objects, and directed antisemitic slurs at a group of Jewish men eating at a restaurant in Los Angeles;

Whereas convoys of trucks bearing Palestinian flags drove through London shouting through loudspeakers: “F_____ the Jews”, “F_____ their mothers”, “F_____ their daughters”, and “Rape their daughters”;

Whereas an elderly Jewish man was beaten with sticks by a mob at a pro-Palestinian protest in Toronto;

Whereas a Member of Congress called Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu an “ethno-nationalist” on the floor of the House of Representatives and in a tweet accused the Israeli military of committing war crimes;

Whereas, after the announcement of a ceasefire in Israel, a Member of Congress tweeted, “The Israeli military’s occupation continues. The blockade continues. The ethnic cleansing continues.”;

Whereas a Member of Congress described Israel in a tweet as an “apartheid state”; and

Whereas a Member of Congress tweeted that the Israeli military response to Palestinian terrorist attacks was killing “babies, children and their parents” and that Palestinians are “being massacred”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns hatred and violence against Jews;

1 (2) denounces the poisonous anti-Israel rhetoric
2 of elected officials that has inflamed hatred and in-
3 spired escalating violence against Jews;

4 (3) rejects the biased, incomplete, and inac-
5 curate information promulgated by the news media
6 in the United States about Israel and the Govern-
7 ment of Israel’s efforts to protect its citizens from
8 terrorism;

9 (4) celebrates the innumerable contributions of
10 American Jews to our Nation, culture, values, and
11 way of life; and

12 (5) reaffirms its intent to ensure that Jews in
13 the United States—

14 (A) are treated with dignity and respect;
15 and

16 (B) receive the full protection of the law
17 owed to them as citizens of the United States.

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