

Senate Resolution 764

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Rogers of the 21st, Balfour of the 9th, Tolleson of the 20th, Mullis of the 53rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing dismay at the success of Hamas in the Palestinian elections and calling for action;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Hamas, whose Islamic militants have carried out over 100 major terrorist
4 attacks including homicide bombings killing more than 500 people, including 17 American
5 citizens since 1993, opposes peace talks with Israel and will not halt their killings nor disarm;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Hamas refuses to recognize the right of the State of Israel to exist and continues
8 to call for the total destruction of Israel; and

9 WHEREAS, a two-state solution to the conflict in the region requires all participants in the
10 process to renounce violence and terrorism; and

11 WHEREAS, Hamas recently won the majority of the seats in the Palestinian government,
12 making it essential that Hamas recognize the right of the State of Israel to exist; and

13 WHEREAS, the State of Israel, the United States of America and the European Union have
14 all classified Hamas as a terrorist organization; and

15 WHEREAS, the good people of the United States of America gave \$400 million in taxpayer
16 dollars in direct aid to the Palestinian government in 2005 and many millions more through
17 their contributions to the United Nations; and

18 WHEREAS, acting Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert issued a statement affirming that
19 Israel will not negotiate with a Palestinian government led by Hamas; and

20 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush issued a statement stating that one party cannot be
21 a partner in peace if they advocate the destruction of a country.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 call upon the United States of America, the European Union, the United Nations and all
3 people of peace throughout the world to refuse to recognize Hamas as a legitimate party in
4 the democratic process until it renounces and ends violence, dismantles its terrorist
5 infrastructure, recognizes Israel's right to exist as a nation, and agrees to conduct direct
6 negotiations with Israel to achieve a peaceful coexistence with the State of Israel;

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Senate that the members of this body:

8 (1) Affirm our support for the good people of the State of Israel and support the decision of
9 acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to refuse to negotiate with the terrorist organization
10 Hamas; and

11 (2) Affirm our support for the government of the United States of America and President
12 George W. Bush to suspend further taxpayer funded aid to the Palestinian government until
13 Hamas is removed from leadership or until Hamas recognizes the right of Israel to exist and
14 other conditions outlined herein; and

15 (3) Call upon the people in the affected territory to peacefully reject the terrorist
16 organization Hamas; and

17 (4) Congratulate the people of Israel for their peaceful efforts through the years in
18 negotiating peace with people of good will representing the Palestine government; and

19 (5) Reaffirm our strong support of the Israeli people and the God-given right of the State of
20 Israel to exist, and we offer our full support and prayers during this time of crisis.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the public and the press.