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SENATOR RICK SCOTT'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION UPDATE

COMBATING ANTISEMITISM IN OUR COMMUNITIES

- **Resolution Condemning Antisemitism and Lauding the IHRA Definition:** Senator Scott led a resolution reinforcing the definition of antisemitism as any hatred toward the Jewish community or de-legitimization of the State of Israel. Federally embracing the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) antisemitism definition sends a strong message that antisemitism of any kind will not be tolerated.
- **Forgotten Heroes of the Holocaust Congressional Gold Medal Act:** This bill would posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to 60 diplomats who took heroic actions to save Jews fleeing Nazi Germany, including issuing passports and travel visas and setting up safehouses and getaways to hide Jews from Nazi authorities.
- **Stop Antisemitism on College Campuses Act:** This bill would rescind federal education funding for colleges or universities that promote antisemitic actions or notions that lead to violence at events on their campus. Specifically, the bill prevents federally-funded colleges and universities from authorizing, facilitating, or funding any events that promote violent antisemitism.
- **Antisemitism Awareness Act:** This bill directs the Department of Education to use the IHRA's definition of antisemitism when investigating antisemitic acts on campus.
- **Jewish American Heritage Month:** Senator Scott introduced his bipartisan resolution recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month, celebrating the many contributions of Jewish Americans to the United States and calling on elected officials, faith leaders and civil society leaders to condemn and combat any and all acts of antisemitism.
- Senator Scott co-signed a **letter** with Senator Marco Rubio and 14 other senators to U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona demanding answers for misusing federal funding for antisemitic activities on college campuses.
- Senator Scott co-signed a **letter** with Senator Ted Cruz to the White House and the U.S. State Department on the State Department's antisemitic guidance to boycott bilateral scientific and technological cooperation between the United States and Israel.

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- **Resolution Supporting Israel:** Senator Scott proudly joined his colleagues in signing onto a resolution supporting Israel following the Iran-backed Hamas terrorist attack on October 7th.
- **Standalone Aid to Israel:** Senator Scott co-led the Senate bill ensuring aid to Israel.
- **Stop Taxpayer Funding of Hamas Act:** Senator Scott led a bill that ensures U.S. funds are not authorized for expenditure in the territory of Gaza through any United Nations entity or office that the president cannot certify is not encouraging or teaching anti-Israel and antisemitic ideas and propaganda.
- **Israel Visa Waiver Program:** Senator Scott and his colleagues sent a letter urging the Biden administration to include Israel in the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). The **VWP** enables most citizens or nationals of participating countries to travel to the United States for tourism or business for stays of 90 days or less without obtaining a visa.

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