

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell today voted for a concurrent resolution condemning, "in the strongest terms, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's offensive remarks, contemptible statements, and reprehensible policies aimed at the destruction of the State of Israel," calling upon the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Charter. The resolution, H.Con.Res. 21 passed overwhelmingly by a vote of 411 to 2.

"The President of Iran has openly called for the destruction of Israel. This is not just offensive, it is dangerous and should be condemned in the strongest possible terms," said Mitchell.

Among the actions specifically cited as objectionable by the resolution:

"Whereas, on October 27, 2005, at the World Without Zionism Conference in Tehran, Iran, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called for Israel to be 'wiped off the map', described Israel as 'a disgraceful blot [on] the face of the Islamic world', and declared that '[a]nybody who recognizes Israel will burn in the fire of the Islamic nation's fury';

"Whereas, on December 12, 2006, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addressed a conference in Tehran questioning the history of the Holocaust and said that Israel would 'soon be wiped out';

"Whereas, on August 3, 2006, in a speech during an emergency meeting of Muslim leaders, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad stated that the Middle East would be better off 'without the existence of the Zionist regime', called Israel an 'illegitimate regime' with 'no legal basis for its existence', and accused the United States of using Israel as a proxy to control the region and its oil resources;

"Whereas Iran funds, trains, and openly supports terrorist groups, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and Islamic Jihad among many others, that are determined to destroy Israel;" [Source: [Library of Congress](#)]  
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Under the resolution, Congress:

"(1) condemns, in the strongest terms, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's offensive remarks, contemptible statements, and reprehensible policies aimed at the destruction of the State of Israel;

(2) calls on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and Article 2, Section 4, of the United Nations Charter;

(3) further calls on the United Nations Security Council and all Member States of the United Nations to consider measures to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, which would be both a dangerous violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and a potential means to the

end of carrying out President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's threats against Israel; and

(4) reaffirms the unwavering strategic partnership between the United States and Israel and reasserts the steadfast commitment of the United States to defend the right of Israel to exist as a free and democratic state." [Source: [Library of Congress](#) ]