Senate Resolution No. 2019/2020-032

Condemning Bears for Palestine for Their Display in Eshleman Hall Glorifying Violent Terrorists

Primary Sponsor
Milton Zerman (ASUC Senator)

Cosponsors

WHEREAS the ASUC has allocated a cubicle space on the third floor of Eshleman Hall to the student group Bears for Palestine

WHEREAS Bears for Palestine has decorated this space with a display consisting of photos and lists of supposed Palestinian leaders

WHEREAS many of the individuals they glorify are violent terrorists, including but not limited to Rasmea Odeh, Fatima Bernawi, and Leila Khaled

WHEREAS Rasmea Odeh is responsible for multiple bombings including one in February 1969 that killed 2 innocent civilians and wounded 9 others[1]

WHEREAS the civilians killed by Odeh were two college students, namely 21-year-old Leon Kanner and 22-year-old Eddie Joffe who were killed by a bomb that was placed in a crowded Jerusalem SuperSol supermarket which they had stopped in to buy groceries for a field trip[2]

WHEREAS in October 1967 Fatima Bernawi attempted to bomb a theater full of innocent civilians merely because she disagreed with the content of a film that was being displayed[3][4]

WHEREAS Bears for Palestine’s display of Leila Khaled shows her holding an AK-47 rifle and openly states that she was “the first Palestinian woman to hijack a plane in 1969, and again the year after”

WHEREAS Khaled’s September 1970 attempt to hijack El Al Flight 219 resulted in Khaled’s co-hijacker shooting and nearly killing an innocent steward (Shlomo Vider) shortly after tossing a grenade into the midst of the passenger aisle that luckily failed to detonate[5][6]

WHEREAS the glorification of murderers and attempted murderers merely because their targets were Israeli citizens can be seen as both insulting and threatening to Jewish and Israeli students at UC Berkeley
1. Condemns the display in question