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Recent footage of an Al-Aqsa TV program for kids called "Tomorrow's Pioneers" includes a puppet show depicting a child murdering President Bush. Al-Aqsa has also aired shows in which Mickey Mouse and Bugs Bunny look-alikes promote anti-Semitic and anti-Western propaganda. The Crowley-Mahoney resolution denounces Hamas for these actions.

"Hamas's efforts to teach hatred in their children is yet another reason why they should be treated as a terrorist organization and not be allowed to participate in the peace process," said Congressman Mahoney. "I want to thank Chairman Berman of the Foreign Affairs Committee and its members for their support of this important resolution. I look forward to its final passage in the coming weeks."

"Hamas' usage of Al-Aqsa TV programming to promote hatred and violence, especially to our children, is unacceptable. Instead, our children should be taught to respect and accept all people, no matter their faith," said Congressman Crowley. "Passage of the Crowley-Mahoney resolution sends a strong message that America will only work with responsible parties in the region."

Congressman Mahoney has seen the workings of Hamas first-hand in a trip to Israel; Congressman Crowley has visited Israel numerous times and is a Member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Their bill, H.Res.1069, will now be sent to the full House of Representatives for consideration.

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