

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the recent acts of intolerance and hatred by Lincoln
2 University Professor Kaukab Siddique and condemning similar
3 expressions of intolerance and discrimination.

4 WHEREAS, Lincoln University was founded in 1854 as the
5 nation's first degree-granting historically black college and
6 university; and

7 WHEREAS, Lincoln University maintains a core value of
8 fostering understanding and mutual respect for the contributions
9 and perspectives of its diverse student body, faculty, staff,
10 alumni, surrounding community and global community; and

11 WHEREAS, Lincoln University receives a multimillion dollar
12 appropriation from the Commonwealth as a State-related
13 institution; and

14 WHEREAS, Professor Kaukab Siddique is a tenured faculty
15 member employed by Lincoln University who has and continues to
16 engage in a campaign to devalue the lives of persecuted
17 individuals by disseminating sexist, homophobic and racial slurs
18 on social media platforms; and

1 WHEREAS, Professor Siddique has brought the legacy of Lincoln
2 University into disrepute by callously making statements with a
3 brazen disregard for the truth; and

4 WHEREAS, Professor Siddique has denied that the Holocaust
5 occurred and has promoted anti-Semitism; and

6 WHEREAS, Professor Siddique has attempted to discount
7 multiple reports of the atrocities committed by terrorists of
8 the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS); and

9 WHEREAS, Professor Siddique has used derogatory and
10 misogynistic names to describe women in the wake of public
11 sexual abuse allegations; and

12 WHEREAS, Professor Siddique has most recently sought to
13 promote the worst mass shooting in American history as a victory
14 for ISIS; and

15 WHEREAS, Lincoln University's Professional Standards for
16 Faculty state that tenure is granted to distinguished scholars,
17 an honor which guarantees yearly contract renewal "unless she or
18 he fails to fulfill professional and contractual obligations or
19 for reasons of professional incompetence, moral turpitude, or
20 financial exigencies facing the University"; and

21 WHEREAS, Professor Siddique's actions manifest a violation of
22 objective standards of justice, honesty and good morals; and

23 WHEREAS, The Senate vigorously embraces all humanity and
24 emphatically rejects expressions, actions or practices of
25 intolerance, hatred and discrimination; and

26 WHEREAS, The Senate must speak out against acts of
27 discrimination, exclusion or restriction on the basis of race,
28 religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or socioeconomic
29 condition; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate condemn the recent acts of

1 intolerance and hatred by Lincoln University Professor Kaukab
2 Siddique and condemn similar expressions of intolerance and
3 discrimination; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate call upon Lincoln University to
5 revoke Professor Kaukab Siddique's tenure under its Professional
6 Standards for Faculty.