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A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning President Donald J. Trump for his involvement in the  
2 insurrection against the United States Capitol Building on  
3 January 6, 2021.

4 WHEREAS, Members of Congress met in a joint session in the  
5 United States Capitol Building on January 6, 2021, to officially  
6 tally the Electoral College votes for President and Vice  
7 President of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump urged his supporters to march  
9 to the United States Capitol Building; and

10 WHEREAS, The largely ceremonial event to affirm that  
11 President-elect Joe Biden won the November 2020 election was  
12 halted as pro-President Trump domestic terrorists broke through  
13 blockades around the United States Capitol Building; and

14 WHEREAS, United States Capitol Police ordered the evacuation  
15 of the House Cannon building and the Library of Congress; and

16 WHEREAS, Pipe bombs were found at the headquarters of the  
17 Democratic and Republican National Committees; and

1       WHEREAS, The terrorists scaled the walls of the United States  
2 Capitol Building, attacked police and shattered windows in order  
3 to enter the building; and

4       WHEREAS, After forcing their way into the United States  
5 Capitol Building, the terrorists began roaming the hallowed  
6 halls of Congress; and

7       WHEREAS, Vice President Mike Pence, who was presiding over  
8 the joint session of Congress, Senate president pro tempore  
9 Chuck Grassley, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and other  
10 lawmakers were rushed to secure locations; and

11       WHEREAS, During their evacuation, dedicated and selfless  
12 staffers had the foresight to rescue the boxes containing the  
13 Electoral College ballots; and

14       WHEREAS, The doors of the Senate were locked while the doors  
15 to the House of Representatives were physically barricaded; and

16       WHEREAS, The terrorists destroyed Federal property and  
17 pillaged congressional offices; and

18       WHEREAS, The offices of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the  
19 Senate parliamentarian were ransacked; and

20       WHEREAS, Terrorists soon entered the floors of the House and  
21 Senate, many impudently posing for photographs; and

22       WHEREAS, Lawmakers and their staff were forced to remain  
23 sheltered in place as the terrorists raged; and

24       WHEREAS, Washington DC Mayor Muriel Bowser issued a citywide  
25 curfew beginning at 6:00 p.m. in response to the unprecedented  
26 situation; and

27       WHEREAS, A tweet by President Trump did not encourage the  
28 domestic terrorists to disperse; and

29       WHEREAS, Ivanka Trump called the terrorists, "American  
30 Patriots," in a tweet of her own; and

1       WHEREAS, Hours after the attack on the United States Capitol  
2 Building began, President Trump finally dispatched the National  
3 Guard to clear the terrorists from the grounds; and

4       WHEREAS, Multiple law enforcement officers were injured by  
5 the violent mob; and

6       WHEREAS, United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D.  
7 Sicknick died as a result of injuries sustained in his defense  
8 of the United States Capitol Building; and

9       WHEREAS, After police cleared the United States Capitol  
10 Building, Speaker Pelosi said that Congress intended to  
11 reconvene to finish the tally of the Electoral College votes;  
12 and

13       WHEREAS, Congress finished counting the Electoral College  
14 votes in the early hours of the morning January 7, 2021; and

15       WHEREAS, The final vote totals were 306 votes for Joseph R.  
16 Biden and 232 for Donald J. Trump; and

17       WHEREAS, President-elect Joe Biden rightfully stated, "It's  
18 not protest. It's insurrection."; and

19       WHEREAS, The attack on the United States Capitol Building was  
20 an attack against our very democracy; and

21       WHEREAS, The terrorists involved in the insurrection are  
22 unpatriotic and must be held accountable to the fullest extent  
23 of the law; and

24       WHEREAS, We have a responsibility, not only as elected  
25 officials, but as citizens, to stand up against these treasonous  
26 actions; therefore be it

27       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives condemn President  
28 Donald J. Trump for his involvement in the insurrection against  
29 the United States Capitol Building on January 6, 2021; and be it  
30 further

1       RESOLVED, That we declare the actions of these domestic  
2 terrorists to be antithetical to the ideals of this nation and  
3 of this Commonwealth; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That we call upon our colleagues in the Senate to  
5 condemn the insurrection against the United States Capitol  
6 Building; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
8 Donald J. Trump, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and to each member of  
9 Congress from Pennsylvania.