

House Resolution 1708

By: Representatives Park of the 107th, Clark of the 108th, Romman of the 97th, and Au of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing that political violence has no place in American democracy; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins' SNF Agora Institute and Protect Democracy found in late 2023
4 that political violence has the potential to erode American democracy, with over 50 scholars
5 citing concerns about personal liberties and electoral integrity as a result of this violence; and

6 WHEREAS, elections workers, elected officials, and government buildings in Georgia have
7 been subject to an increasing number of threats and intimidation following the 2020 election;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, due to lies spread by former President Donald Trump and his supporters,
10 Georgia election worker Ruby Freeman and her daughter, Wandrea "Shaye" Moss, were
11 terrorized by threats and racist attacks following the 2020 election; and

12 WHEREAS, nonviolent demonstrations have been proven to be twice as effective as violent
13 demonstrations in creating lasting political change; and

14 WHEREAS, all members of the Georgia State Legislature condemn the January 6, 2021,
15 insurrectionists and their attack on the United States Capitol building to stop the peaceful
16 transfer of power; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2024 presidential election is occurring at a time of heightened tension
18 between individuals and civil servants in Georgia and across the United States, and this
19 assembly has the responsibility to contribute to the health and safety of the state.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize that political violence has no place in our democracy.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
24 public and the press.