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A R E S O L U T I O N

To condemn the insurrection at the United States 1
Capitol Building on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the day fixed by 3
the United States Constitution for the counting of electoral 4
votes, Congress experienced a massive violent invasion of the 5
United States Capitol and its complex by a dangerous 6
insurrectionary mob, which smashed windows and used violent 7
physical force and weapons to overpower and outmaneuver the 8
United States Capitol Police and facilitated the illegal entry 9
into the Capitol of hundreds, if not thousands, of unauthorized 10
persons; and 11

WHEREAS, The insurrectionary mob threatened the safety and 12
lives of the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of 13
Representatives, and the President pro tempore of the Senate, 14
the first three individuals in the line of succession to the 15

presidency, as the rioters were recorded chanting "Hang Mike Pence" and "Where's Nancy" when President Donald J. Trump tweeted to his supporters that "Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our country" after the Capitol had been overrun and the Vice President was in hiding; and

WHEREAS, The insurrectionary mob's violent attacks on law enforcement and invasion of the Capitol complex caused the unprecedented disruption of the Electoral College count process for a four-hour period in both the House and the Senate, a dangerous and destabilizing impairment of the peaceful transfer of power that these insurrectionary riots were explicitly designed to cause; and

WHEREAS, Five Americans have died as a result of injuries or traumas suffered during this violent attack on Congress and the Capitol, including Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick and Ashli Babbitt, Rosanne Boyland, Kevin Greeson, and Benjamin Phillips, and more than fifty police officers were seriously injured, including fifteen officers who had to be hospitalized, by violent assaults, and there could easily have been dozens or hundreds more wounded and killed, a sentiment captured by Senator Lindsey Graham, who observed that "the mob could have blown the building up. They could have killed us all"; and

WHEREAS, United States Capitol Police Officer Eugene Goodman, alone, confronted an angry group of insurrectionists and diverted its advances from the United States Senate Chamber toward other United States Capitol Police Officers, thereby possibly saving lives and granting more time for other officials to secure and ultimately evacuate the Senate before the insurrectionary mob breached the Chamber; and

WHEREAS, Photographs, cell phone videos, social media posts, and on-the-ground reporting show that numerous violent

insurrectionists who invaded the Capitol were armed, were 48
carrying police grade flex cuffs to detain and handcuff people, 49
used mace, pepper spray, and bear spray against United States 50
Capitol Police officers, erected a gallows on Capitol grounds to 51
hang "traitors," vehemently chanted "Hang Mike Pence!" while 52
surrounding and roving the Capitol, emphasized that storming the 53
Capitol was "a revolution," brandished the Confederate battle 54
flag inside the Capitol, and were found to be in possession of 55
Napalm B, while still unidentified culprits planted multiple 56
pipe bombs at buildings near the Capitol complex, another 57
lethally dangerous criminal action that succeeded in diverting 58
law enforcement from the Capitol; and 59

WHEREAS, On forum boards like "TheDonald" and anti- 60
government and militia movement group chats, conversations 61
included plans to surround the Capitol on all sides, alongside 62
maps of the U.S. Capitol complex marked with locations of 63
tunnels and entry points, as well as plans to overwhelm Capitol 64
Police with large crowds in order to violate laws against 65
carrying weapons and against entering federal buildings; and 66

WHEREAS, Federal prosecutors, regardless of partisan 67
affiliation, are committed to prosecuting identifiable members 68
of the insurrectionary mob to the fullest extent of the law; and 69

WHEREAS, The insurrectionary mob constitutes only the 70
second attack of its scale executed against the United States 71
Capitol Building, the first being the British burning the 72
Capitol Building on August 24, 1814; and 73

WHEREAS, Senator McConnell claimed in a speech on Tuesday, 74
January 19, 2021, "The mob was fed lies. They were provoked by 75
the President and other powerful people"; and 76

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States has denied 77
the State of Texas's motion for leave to file a bill of 78
complaint (*Texas v. Pennsylvania, et al.*) and has denied the 79

application for injunctive relief presented to Justice Alito 80
(*Kelly, Mike, et al. v. Pennsylvania, et al.*); now therefore be 81
it 82

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 83
Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of the State of 84
Ohio, condemn the efforts of the insurrectionary mob on January 85
6, 2021, to threaten members of Congress and prevent the 86
certification of the electors to declare Joseph R. Biden and 87
Kamala D. Harris as President-Elect and Vice President-Elect of 88
the United States; and be it further 89

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 90
Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of the State of 91
Ohio, support the bipartisan legislation introduced by United 92
States Representatives Charlie Crist, Emanuel Cleaver II, and 93
Nancy Mace to award United States Capitol Police Officer and 94
Acting Deputy Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Eugene Goodman the 95
Congressional Gold Medal in honor of his heroism; and be it 96
further 97

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 98
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 99
President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, 100
the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of 101
Representatives, the President of the United States, the members 102
of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the family of Officer 103
Goodman, and the news media of Ohio. 104