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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  
instigated by white nationalists and white 3  
supremacists that resulted in the deaths of 4  
United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. 5  
Sicknick and four others in an effort to prevent 6  
the certification of Joseph R. Biden and Kamala 7  
D. Harris as President-elect and Vice President- 8  
elect of the United States. 9

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the day fixed by 10  
the United States Constitution for the counting of electoral 11  
votes, Congress experienced a massive violent invasion of the 12  
United States Capitol and its complex by a dangerous 13  
insurrectionary mob, which smashed windows and used violent 14  
physical force and weapons to overpower and outmaneuver the 15  
United States Capitol Police and facilitated the illegal entry 16  
into the Capitol of hundreds, if not thousands, of unauthorized 17  
persons (all of whom entered the Capitol complex without going 18  
through metal detectors and other security screening devices); 19  
and 20

WHEREAS, The insurrectionary mob threatened the safety and 21

lives of the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President pro tempore of the Senate, the first three individuals in the line of succession to the presidency, as the rioters were recorded chanting "Hang Mike Pence" and "Where's Nancy"; and

WHEREAS, The insurrectionary mob attacked law enforcement officers, unleashed chaos and terror among members and staffers and their families, occupied the Senate Chamber and Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office along with other leadership offices, vandalized and pilfered government property, and succeeded in interfering with the counting of electoral votes in the joint session of Congress; 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, Officer Sicknick is described by his family as "truly a lovely, humble soul," "sweet natured through and through," who "loved his dachshunds dearly, spoiling them, and

ensuring they got the best care possible"; and 54

WHEREAS, Officer Sicknick served in the Air National Guard 55  
and dreamt of becoming a police officer, joining the United 56  
States Capitol Police in 2008; and 57

WHEREAS, Officer Sicknick physically engaged with the 58  
insurrectionary mob and was struck on the head with a fire 59  
extinguisher; and 60

WHEREAS, Upon returning to a United States Capitol Police 61  
division office, Officer Sicknick collapsed and was rushed to a 62  
hospital where he succumbed to his injuries; and 63

WHEREAS, Photographs, cell phone videos, social media 64  
posts, and on-the-ground reporting show that numerous violent 65  
insurrectionists who invaded the Capitol were armed, were 66  
carrying police grade flex cuffs to detain and handcuff people, 67  
used mace, pepper spray, and bear spray against United States 68  
Capitol Police officers, erected a gallows on Capitol grounds to 69  
hang "traitors," vehemently chanted "Hang Mike Pence!" while 70  
surrounding and roving the Capitol, emphasized that storming the 71  
Capitol was "a revolution," brandished the Confederate battle 72  
flag inside the Capitol, and were found to be in possession of 73  
Napalm B, while still unidentified culprits planted multiple 74  
pipe bombs at buildings near the Capitol complex, another 75  
lethally dangerous criminal action that succeeded in diverting 76  
law enforcement from the Capitol; and 77

WHEREAS, Various symbols brandished by the insurrectionary 78  
mob, including the Confederate battle flag, a makeshift gallows 79  
and noose, Viking and Scandinavian runes and emblems, the flag 80  
of the imaginary nation of Kekistan, and a "Camp Auschwitz" 81  
sweatshirt convey the message of white supremacy and white 82  
nationalism either outright or, in the case of Viking and 83  
Scandinavian runes and emblems, in the context of the 84  
insurrectionary mob's far-right goal to block the certification 85

of the results of the 2020 presidential election; and 86

WHEREAS, In anti-government and militia movement group 87  
chats, conversations included plans to surround the Capitol on 88  
all sides, alongside maps of the U.S. Capitol complex marked 89  
with locations of tunnels and entry points, as well as plans to 90  
overwhelm Capitol Police with large crowds in order to violate 91  
laws against carrying weapons and against entering federal 92  
buildings; and 93

WHEREAS, Members of the insurrectionary mob violated 94  
several federal laws, including, but not limited to, sections 95  
231, 241, 351, 372, 930, 1361, 1752, 2101, 2112, 2383, 2384, and 96  
2385 of Title 18 of the United States Code and section 514 of 97  
Title 40 of the United States Code; and 98

WHEREAS, The insurrectionary mob constitutes only the fifth 99  
attack on or inside the United States Capitol Building, preceded 100  
by the British burning the building on August 24, 1814, the 101  
wounding of five United States Representatives by Lolita Lebrón, 102  
Rafael Cancel Miranda, Andres Figueroa Cordero, and Irving 103  
Flores Rodriguez on March 1, 1954, the bombing of a bathroom on 104  
the Senate side by the Weather Underground on March 1, 1971, and 105  
the bombing near the Senate majority leader's office by the May 106  
19th Communist Organization on November 7, 1983; and 107

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States has been 108  
presented with several opportunities to hear legal challenges 109  
regarding the results of the 2020 presidential election, and has 110  
rejected the Texas Attorney General's suit, and otherwise 111  
refused to act before Congress certified the Electoral College 112  
votes, thereby indicating that the Supreme Court of the United 113  
States does not see fit to interfere with the 2020 presidential 114  
election; now therefore be it 115

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th 116  
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, condemn the efforts of 117

the insurrectionary mob on January 6, 2021, to threaten members 118  
of Congress and prevent the certification of Joseph R. Biden and 119  
Kamala D. Harris as President-elect and Vice President-elect of 120  
the United States; and be it further 121

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th 122  
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, condemn white supremacy 123  
and white nationalism; and be it further 124

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 125  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President Pro 126  
Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker 127  
and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the 128  
President of the United States, the members of the Ohio 129  
Congressional delegation, the family of Officer Sicknick, and 130  
the news media of Ohio. 131