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H. R. No. 14

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A RESOLUTION

To condemn	the insurre	ction at the	e 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

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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 Eugene39Goodman, alone, confronted an angry group of insurrectionists40and diverted its advances from the United States Senate Chamber41toward other United States Capitol Police Officers, thereby42possibly saving lives and granting more time for other officials43to secure and ultimately evacuate the Senate before the44insurrectionary mob breached the Chamber; and45

WHEREAS, Photographs, cell phone videos, social media46posts, and on-the-ground reporting show that numerous violent47

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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 antigovernment and militia movement group chats, conversations included plans to surround the Capitol on all sides, alongside maps of the U.S. Capitol complex marked with locations of tunnels and entry points, as well as plans to overwhelm Capitol Police with large crowds in order to violate laws against carrying weapons and against entering federal buildings; and

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

WHEREAS, The insurrectionary mob constitutes only the70second attack of its scale executed against the United States71Capitol Building, the first being the British burning the72Capitol Building on August 24, 1814; and73

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

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States has denied77the State of Texas's motion for leave to file a bill of78complaint (Texas v. Pennsylvania, et al.) and has denied the79

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application for injunctive relief presented to Justice Alito				
(Kelly, Mike, et al. v. Pennsylvania, et al.); now therefore be				
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				
6, 2021, to threaten members of Congress and prevent the				
certification of the electors to declare Joseph R. Biden and				
Kamala D. Harris as President-Elect and Vice President-Elect of				
the United States; and be it further	89			
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RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of				
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				
of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the family of Officer	103			

Goodman, and the news media of Ohio.