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SYNOPSIS
Strongly condemns President Trump and extremist protestors who breached United States Capitol and urges his removal from office.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.

A SENATE RESOLUTION strongly condemning President Trump and the extremist protestors who breached the United States Capitol and urging his removal from office.

WHEREAS, On January 6, 2021, President Donald J. Trump incited supremacist groups and other extremist supporters to occupy the United States Capitol in an attempt to disrupt and thwart the final certification of the 2020 presidential election; and

WHEREAS, These violent insurgents vandalized lawmakers' offices and mockingly sat at the desk of the Speaker of the House; smashed in windows, looted art, and destroyed property; and infiltrated the chambers of the United States Senate, with one protestor shouting from the dais that "Trump won the election!"; and

WHEREAS, Panicked lawmakers were forced to hide under their desks and in barricaded offices, don gas masks, and evacuate through tunnels to safety; and

WHEREAS, This violent insurrection by a riotous mob resulted in the deaths of five people, including a United States Capitol Police officer who was a native of New Jersey, a woman shot by the Capitol Police, and three others who, according to the police, died in "medical emergencies"; and

WHEREAS, The United States Capitol is the seat of the federal government, the meeting place of the nation's legislature, and an enduring national symbol of our representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, This desecration of the United States Capitol, and everything for which it stands, is wholly unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, The domestic terrorists who participated in this attack on the United States Capitol in an attempt to overturn the results of the presidential election and thwart a peaceful transition of power should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law; and

WHEREAS, This unprecedented attack on the United States Capitol, the United States Constitution, and the democratic process of the United States of America will forever be a stain on our history; and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has consistently violated his constitutional oath to faithfully execute the duties of the office of the President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and has violated his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed; and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has engaged in the unprecedented, categorical, and indiscriminate abuse of Presidential powers in a manner offensive to, and subversive of, the United States Constitution and the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, This House strongly urges that President Donald J. Trump resign from office, be removed from office for being unfit to serve as President pursuant to the 25th Amendment of the United States Constitution, or be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors pursuant to Article 1 of the United States Constitution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey*:

1. This House strongly condemns President Trump and his extremist supporters who were incited by the President to lawlessly attack and occupy the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021 and urges that President Donald J. Trump resign from office, be removed from office for being unfit to serve as President pursuant to the 25th Amendment of the United States Constitution, or be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice President of the United States; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate; The Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives; and every member of Congress elected from this State.

STATEMENT

This Senate Resolution strongly condemns President Trump and his extremist supporters who were incited by the President to lawlessly attack and occupy the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021. The Senate Resolution also urges that President Donald J. Trump resign from office, be removed from office for being unfit to serve as President pursuant to the 25th Amendment of the United States Constitution, or be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors.