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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

CONDEMNING THE JANUARY 6, 2021, ASSAULT ON THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL, COMMITTING TO
PEACEFUL AND RESPECTFUL DISCOURSE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND EXPRESSING
GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DELAWARE NATIONAL GUARD.

1 WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, the United States Capitol was the site of a violent riot; and

2 WHEREAS, the assault disrupted a session of the United States Congress and delayed the ceremonial certification
3 of the Electoral College vote; and

4 WHEREAS, violent means were used to gain entry into the U.S. Capitol, resulting in deaths, injuries, and
5 substantial damage; and

6 WHEREAS, 6 people died as a result of the violent actions, including Capitol Police officers Brian Sicknick and
7 Howard Liebengood; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 50 law enforcement officers sustained injuries as a result of the violence; and

9 WHEREAS, Delawareans courageously serving in our National Guard have been dispatched to protect the U.S.
10 Capitol and our democracy; and

11 WHEREAS, the assault represents one of the most significant security breaches of the U.S. Capitol in United
12 States history; and

13 WHEREAS, the purpose of the assault was to physically halt the constitutional process by preventing duly elected
14 representatives from fulfilling their constitutional duties; and

15 WHEREAS, the assault on January 6, 2021, is to be distinguished from the constitutionally protected rights that all
16 United States citizens have to peaceably assemble, speak, and redress grievances; and

17 WHEREAS, the level of violence during the assault was a direct consequence of incendiary words that are not
18 constitutionally protected, as they are intended to incite, and in fact did incite, an immediate breach of the peace; and

19 WHEREAS, since the tragic events of January 6, 2021, the potential for continued violence has reached beyond
20 the U.S. Capitol to all 50 state capitals, with actionable intelligence causing each state, including Delaware, to deploy
21 enhanced security measures to protect its capitol through and beyond Inauguration Day; and

22 WHEREAS, this tragic event must serve as a reminder to all that the words of those in public service have the
23 power to incite as well as the power to soothe, inspire, and promote peace and order.

24 NOW, THEREFORE:

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, that
26 it condemns the violence and the assault that occurred at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives condemns the extreme and dishonest rhetoric
28 that created the environment that led to the riot at the U.S. Capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives commits to peaceful, thoughtful, and respectful
30 discourse among its members and with the citizenry.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives expresses its gratitude for the service of the
32 members of the Delaware National Guard deployed to Washington, D.C. to protect and uphold the peaceful transfer of
33 power.

SYNOPSIS

This House Resolution condemns the violence at and assault on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021;
commits the House of Representatives to peaceful, thoughtful, and respectful discourse in the conduct of public business;
and expresses gratitude to the members of the Delaware National Guard.