

State of Vermont
House of Representatives
Montpelier, Vermont



House Resolution

H.R. 24

House resolution strongly criticizing President Donald J. Trump

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford, Belaski of Windsor, Briglin of Thetford, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Joseph of North Hero, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Squirrell of Underhill, Sullivan of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, Donald J. Trump has used the Office of the President to bully, belittle, and disparage peoples of other nations, races, and creeds, and

Whereas, these disparaging comments date from his presidential campaign announcement on June 16, 2015, when he referred to Mexicans crossing the border as bringing crime and being rapists, comments that he repeated and defended in the subsequent weeks, and

Whereas, following the violent white supremacist and neo-Nazi-sponsored demonstration held in Charlottesville, Virginia in August 2017, President Trump's immediate public comment blamed "many sides" and lacked any specific condemnation of the far right organizations that sponsored the event, and

Whereas, he attempted to establish a moral equivalency between the white supremacist groups that sponsored the rally and those who opposed it, and

Whereas, during the presidential campaign, candidate Donald Trump proposed a Muslim ban, and although as President he denied that his proposed travel bans from predominately Muslim nations were in fact Muslim bans, they gave every appearance of attempting to achieve that objective, and

Whereas, these bans harken back to the Immigration Act of 1924 that halted most immigration from eastern and southern Europe and halted it entirely from Asia, and

Whereas, in January 2018, the President used a strong vulgarity to describe immigrants from Haiti and Africa while praising immigrants from nearly all-white Norway, and

Whereas, President Trump has consistently labeled stories from mainstream media as fake news, and even announced fake news awards, effectively questioning the role of a free press and First Amendment rights, and

Whereas, for the first time in its 83-year history, the majority of the members of the National Park System Advisory Board resigned to protest the Trump Administration's policies that ignore science and undermine environmental protection, and

Whereas, President Trump has repeatedly used the Office of the President to undermine the U.S. Constitution and the worldwide prestige of both his Office and the stature of the United States, and

Whereas, these actions in their totality justify the General Assembly to adopt this unprecedented resolution strongly criticizing the President of the United States, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That this legislative body strongly criticizes President Donald J. Trump for his unacceptable behavior as President of the United States, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Donald Trump.