

No. R-8. Joint resolution condemning the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021 as an attack on democracy.

(J.R.H.1)

Offered by: Representatives Sibilgia of Dover, Cina of Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sims of Craftsbury, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Black of Essex Junction, Bluemle of Burlington, Bock of Chester, Bongartz of Manchester Center, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brady of Williston, Briglin of Thetford, Brown of Richmond, Brownell of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Chase of Colchester, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Copeland Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Donnally of Hyde Park, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Gannon of Wilmington, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Jessup of Middlesex, Killacky of South Burlington, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Leffler of Enosburgh, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Murphy of Fairfax, Nicoll of Ludlow, Nigro of Bennington, Notte of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pearl of Danville, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Seymour of Sutton, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Small of Winooski, Squirrell of Underhill, Stebbins of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Suprenant of Barnard, Taylor of Colchester, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Vyhovsky of Essex, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, White of Bethel, White of Hartford, Whitman of Bennington, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, on January 6, 2021, President Donald J. Trump addressed thousands of supporters, urging them to go to the U.S. Capitol in support of his false claim that he won the 2020 presidential election, and

Whereas, the President's supporters marched to the Capitol and violently stormed the building, attacking police officers, ransacking offices, terrorizing the members of Congress, and forcing the stoppage of the certification of President-elect Biden's electoral victory, and four people died as a result of the violence, and

Whereas, the actions of this mob were not just criminal and lawless, they constituted a direct attack upon our democracy, and

Whereas, this attack was instigated by President Donald Trump, who is attempting to overturn the results of a fair and free election that he lost in order to keep himself in power, and

Whereas, Governor Phil Scott forcefully stated that "The fabric of our democracy and the principles of our republic are under attack by the President" and called for President Trump to resign or be removed from office, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly condemns the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021 as an attack on democracy, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly calls for President Donald J. Trump to resign or to be removed from office by his Cabinet or by the Congress, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Michael Pence, and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.