

## Senate Resolution 5

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 2nd, Jordan of the 6th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the disgraceful actions of right wing violence and sedition that took place at the  
2 United States Capitol on January 6, 2021; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Joseph R. Biden was elected to be the 46th President of the United States on  
4 November 3, 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, presidential electors across the nation met on December 14, 2020, to formally  
6 vote for Joe Biden; and

7 WHEREAS, Congress met on January 6, 2021, to certify the vote; and

8 WHEREAS, outgoing President Donald J. Trump has refused to accept the result of the  
9 election; and

10 WHEREAS, President Trump and his allies have continuously spread misinformation,  
11 alleging with no evidence that the election was rigged or stolen; and

12 WHEREAS, the 2020 election has been thoroughly investigated, and no evidence of fraud  
13 or widespread irregularities has been discovered; and

14 WHEREAS, due to the misinformation and active encouragement of President Trump and  
15 his allies, many Republicans have become convinced that the election was stolen; and

16 WHEREAS, members of this body have held sham hearings delegitimizing the Senate and  
17 giving credibility to these conspiracy theories; and

18 WHEREAS, thousands of those Republicans travelled to Washington, D.C., to attend a rally  
19 on January 6, 2021, to oppose certification of the electoral college votes; and

20 WHEREAS, President Trump held a rally on that day where he actively encouraged his  
21 supporters to "fight like hell" to prevent Congress from certifying all electors; and

22 WHEREAS, Rudy Giuliani told that same crowd that he wanted "trial by combat" to  
23 determine the election; and

24 WHEREAS, President Trump directly encouraged the crowd to march to the United States  
25 Capitol; and

26 WHEREAS, Republican agitators had made it abundantly clear on social media that the plan  
27 for the crowd was to break into the United States Capitol and prevent certification of the  
28 electoral college, obstructing the peaceful transfer of power as described in the United States  
29 Constitution; and

30 WHEREAS, the previous 44 transfers of power throughout the history of the country have  
31 occurred peacefully; and

32 WHEREAS, law enforcement had more than adequate warning that an attack on the United  
33 States Capitol was planned; and

34 WHEREAS, law enforcement across the country and in D.C. have used outrageous violence  
35 against peaceful protesters protesting for Black lives and police reform throughout 2020; and

36 WHEREAS, Capitol police and other law enforcement agencies have shown they have the  
37 ability to enact security around the United States Capitol before peaceful Black Lives Matter  
38 protests, where the absurd concept of breaching the Capitol was never even mentioned; and

39 WHEREAS, Capitol police and other law enforcement agencies failed to enact any  
40 meaningful security around the United States Capitol; and

41 WHEREAS, this inaction allowed the crowd of insurgents to breach the United States  
42 Capitol for the first time since the War of 1812; and

43 WHEREAS, Capitol police and other law enforcement agencies showed no particular interest  
44 in defending the Capitol, and some officers were even recorded taking selfies with  
45 insurgents; and

46 WHEREAS, plenty of insurgents were armed or carried zip cuffs, demonstrating an intent  
47 to harm, kill, or kidnap duly elected officials; and

48 WHEREAS, the insurgents managed to breach the House and Senate chambers and delay the  
49 certification of electoral college votes; and

50 WHEREAS, President Trump responded by issuing a video reinforcing the false narrative  
51 that the election was stolen and telling the insurgents "we love you, you're very special"; and

52 WHEREAS, insurgents attempted to break into the Speaker's Lobby, where some Congress  
53 members had taken refuge; and

54 WHEREAS, after multiple warnings and attempts to stop the insurgents, a plainclothes  
55 officer had to shoot and kill a woman before the door was breached; and

56 WHEREAS, a law enforcement officer was beaten to death by insurgents; and

57 WHEREAS, at least three other people lost their lives; and

58 WHEREAS, Republican elected officials continued to perpetuate the conspiracy after the  
59 respective bodies reconvened to finish certification.

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
61 condemn the insurgents who broke into the United States Capitol; President Trump;  
62 Republican leaders, including members of this body, who have continued to spread false  
63 information about the election; and Capitol police and other law enforcement agencies who  
64 completely and possibly willfully failed to prepare for this attack and allowed it to succeed.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
66 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
67 press.