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Censuring President Donald J. Trump for attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 Presidential election through unlawful means and for inciting insurrection.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2021

Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. KUSTER, and Mr. CARSON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Censuring President Donald J. Trump for attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 Presidential election through unlawful means and for inciting insurrection.

Whereas, on January 2, 2021, President Donald J. Trump called the secretary of state of Georgia, Brad Raffensperger, demanding that Secretary Raffensperger, inter alia, overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election in Georgia by “find[ing] me 11,780 votes,” which would change the outcome in that State’s election and nullify the votes of millions of Americans who voted for President-elect Joseph R. Biden, including African Americans and other people of color, notwithstanding that the State had already certified the winner after thrice counting the votes in favor of President-elect Biden;

Whereas President Trump has consistently raised unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud, while producing no evidence in court or to the public, challenging the security and accuracy of the 2020 Presidential election, despite his Administration saying that this was the most secure election in U.S. history;

Whereas President Trump has incited his followers to challenge the election with his baseless claims against the 2020 Presidential election;

Whereas, on January 6, 2021, the House of Representatives and Senate met at the United States Capitol in a Joint Session to count the votes of the Electoral College;

Whereas, on January 6, 2021, immediately prior to the Joint Session, President Trump spoke to a large crowd in the District of Columbia, where he again raised baseless questions about the legitimacy of the 2020 Presidential election and thereby encouraged the crowd to falsely believe that fraud had occurred;

Whereas, in his speech on January 6, 2021, President Trump used phrases like “fight like hell”, “[y]ou have to show strength and you have to be strong”, “you’ll never take back our country with weakness”, and “everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol”; said that President-elect Biden and his supporters are “not gonna take this White House”, and again stated that he won the election “by a lot” and that “we won this election, and we won it by a landslide”;

Whereas, on January 6, 2021, members of the crowd, incited by the President’s speech, and intending to, among other objectives, interfere with the counting of the votes of the

Electoral College, breached the United States Capitol, and committed violent, seditious, and destructive acts;

Whereas, as a result of that attack on the Capitol, at least five individuals lost their lives, and numerous others were left injured;

Whereas, during the attack, President Trump told the insurrectionists, “we love you”, and told them to remember that day forever; and

Whereas President Trump has violated his constitutional duties to “preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States” and to “faithfully execute” his office: Now, therefore, be it:

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the House of Representatives (the Sen-
 3 ate concurring)—

4 (1) censures President Donald J. Trump for
 5 the actions he took as set forth above, including at-
 6 tempting to overturn the 2020 Presidential election
 7 and inciting insurrection at the United States Cap-
 8 itol on January 6, 2021;

9 (2) calls upon President Trump—

10 (A) to acknowledge that President-elect
 11 Joseph R. Biden was the victor of the 2020
 12 presidential election and that President-elect
 13 Biden will be the lawful President on January
 14 20, 2021;

1 (B) to call on his supporters not to engage
2 in violence;

3 (C) to disavow the actions of the insurrec-
4 tionists who attacked the United States Capitol
5 on January 6, 2021; and

6 (D) to denounce any further acts of vio-
7 lence, including any planned to occur sur-
8 rounding the 58th Presidential Inauguration;
9 and

10 (3) finds that, in engaging in the above cited
11 actions, President Donald J. Trump “as an officer
12 of the United States . . . engaged in insurrection or
13 rebellion against the [United States], or given aid or
14 comfort to the enemies thereof,” making him ineli-
15 gible for future office, unless Congress, in the fu-
16 ture, “by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove
17 such disability,” under section 3 of the 14th Amend-
18 ment to the United States Constitution.

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