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Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. WATERS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Mr. CARSON, Mr. RUSH, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. BUSH, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. McEACHIN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BOWMAN, and Mr. ESPAILLAT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

1       *Resolved*, That Donald John Trump, President of the  
2 United States, is impeached for high crimes and mis-  
3 demeanors and that the following articles of impeachment  
4 be exhibited to the United States Senate:

5       Articles of impeachment exhibited by the House of  
6 Representatives of the United States of America in the

1 name of itself and of the people of the United States of  
2 America, against Donald John Trump, President of the  
3 United States of America, in maintenance and support of  
4 its impeachment against him for high crimes and mis-  
5 demeanors.

6 ARTICLE I

7 The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives “shall have the sole Power of Impeachment”  
9 and that the President “shall be removed from Office on  
10 Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or  
11 other high Crimes and Misdemeanors”. In his conduct of  
12 the office of President of the United States—and in viola-  
13 tion of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the of-  
14 fice of President of the United States and, to the best of  
15 his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution  
16 of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional  
17 duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed—  
18 Donald John Trump has abused the powers of the Presi-  
19 dency, in that:

20 Using the powers of his high office, on Saturday,  
21 January 2, 2021, just four days before the Joint Meeting  
22 of Congress required by the Constitution for the purpose  
23 of opening and counting the electoral votes cast for the  
24 office of President and Vice-President, Donald John  
25 Trump sought to threaten, intimidate, and corruptly so-  
26 licit the Secretary of State for the State of Georgia to ac-

1 quiesce to his demand that he somehow “find 11,780  
2 votes”, which he claimed he was entitled to and would re-  
3 sult in a determination that he was the winner of the Pres-  
4 idential election in the State of Georgia, notwithstanding  
5 the fact that votes in the State of Georgia had already  
6 been thrice counted in favor of the certified winner, his  
7 opponent and former Vice-President Joseph R. Biden.

8       In this, the President of the United States abused  
9 the powers of the Presidency by actively undermining pub-  
10 lic faith and confidence in the integrity of the American  
11 electoral system, subverting the rule of law, and placing  
12 his personal political and private interests above the na-  
13 tional interest.

14       Wherefore Donald John Trump, by such conduct, has  
15 demonstrated that he will remain a threat to security of  
16 the Nation and the Constitution if allowed to remain in  
17 office, and has acted in a manner grossly incompatible  
18 with self-governance and the rule of law and thus warrants  
19 impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disquali-  
20 fication to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, trust, or  
21 profit under the United States.

22                                   ARTICLE II

23       The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-  
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6 of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional  
7 duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed—  
8 Donald John Trump has abused the powers of the Presi-  
9 dency, in that:

10       Abusing the powers and resources of his high office,  
11 Donald John Trump has actively and continuously endeav-  
12 ored to undermine the essential institutions and founda-  
13 tions of a democratic system of government in the United  
14 States, engaging in a long train of abuses and  
15 usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evincing  
16 a design to make himself an authoritarian ruler unac-  
17 countable to, and independent of, the people of the United  
18 States by:

19           (1) Soliciting and welcoming the assistance of a  
20 hostile foreign power to aid him in securing election  
21 in 2016 as President of the United States.

22           (2) Refusing to acknowledge Russian inter-  
23 ference in the internal affairs of the United States,  
24 and then opposing responses by Congress and the  
25 Executive Branch to protect the national security

1 and interests of the United States against future  
2 Russian interference and aggression.

3 (3) Publicly conveying his interest and willing-  
4 ness to accept the assistance of foreign powers in his  
5 attempt to win reelection as President of the United  
6 States.

7 (4) Refusing continuously to acknowledge to the  
8 American people that he would accept and be bound  
9 by the verdict rendered in the 2020 Presidential  
10 election, instead claiming that any outcome in which  
11 he was not declared the winner was fraudulent,  
12 rigged, and illegitimate.

13 (5) Taking active measures to impede and un-  
14 dermine the ability of American citizens to convey  
15 their disapproval of his continuance in office by ex-  
16 ercising their rights as voters, including misusing  
17 the United States Postal Service to prevent the  
18 timely delivery of mail-in ballots.

19 (6) Instituting frivolous lawsuits to overturn the  
20 results of the 2020 Presidential election, falsely al-  
21 leging wide-spread voting fraud but producing no  
22 evidence in support of his spurious allegations.

23 (7) Exhorting and inciting his supporters to be-  
24 lieve falsely that victory in the 2020 Presidential  
25 election had been stolen from him and that constitu-

1 tionally required Joint Meeting of Congress for the  
2 purpose of counting the votes of electors and an-  
3 nouncement of the result by the President of the  
4 Senate was illegitimate and intended to complete the  
5 theft of his victory.

6 (8) Failing to take action to protect and defend  
7 Federal officers and personnel, property, buildings,  
8 and institutions on January 6, 2021, at the U.S.  
9 Capitol that was besieged by supporters of Donald  
10 John Trump, resulting in extensive damage to the  
11 property of the United States and the deaths of at  
12 least four persons.

13 In all of this, President Trump has acted in a manner  
14 contrary to his trust as President and subversive of con-  
15 stitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause  
16 of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people  
17 of the United States. As the Framers wrote in 1776 in  
18 the Declaration of Independence, a person, “whose char-  
19 acter is thus marked by every act which may define a ty-  
20 rant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people”.

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22 demonstrated that he will remain a threat to security of  
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