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A Senate resolution

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expressing the Minnesota Senate's condemnation of President Trump's pardon of

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criminal participants of the January 6 insurrection who had been found guilty of violent

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crimes.

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WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, a violent mob in Washington, D.C., and other locations

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around the United States vandalized public buildings; threatened the lives of lawmakers, staff, and

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the general public; physically assaulted members of law enforcement for several hours; and

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jeopardized the peaceful transfer of Presidential power; and

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WHEREAS, in the following four years, the biggest criminal investigation in United States

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history, which involved cooperation from partners in local, state, and federal law enforcement,

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secured charges against more than 1,500 people for crimes connected to the attack, including 400

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for violent crimes; and

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WHEREAS, every single one of these convictions was erased on January 20, 2025, the first

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day of President Donald Trump's second term, when he used his power to issue a full and

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unconditional pardon for all those who had been found guilty of crimes that day, including those

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guilty of violent crimes; and

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WHEREAS, these assailants used bats, flags, chemical sprays, poles, stun guns, tasers, and

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stolen police shields and batons to beat law enforcement officers for hours; and

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WHEREAS, officers who showed up to work that day to keep our nation's Capitol safe were

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choked, crushed and pinned in doorways, tased repeatedly, dragged, and beaten for hours; and

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WHEREAS, several convictions were for carrying loaded firearms in the melee, mere yards

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away from members of Congress and their staff and Vice President Mike Pence; and

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WHEREAS, President Trump's pardon included the commutation of 14 people linked to the

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extremist groups Oath Keepers and Proud Boys, who had planned elements of the attack; and

2.1 WHEREAS, granting full, complete, and unconditional pardons to those who violently  
2.2 assaulted police, causing the death of one officer, the suicides of four, and injuries to 174 others,  
2.3 sends a message to law enforcement that violence against police is excusable and that their lives  
2.4 are expendable; and

2.5 WHEREAS, these pardons undermine our justice system and devalue the service and sacrifices  
2.6 made by United States Capitol police and all law enforcement officers to keep our country and the  
2.7 seat of government safe; and

2.8 WHEREAS, erasing convictions of these violent attacks politicizes public safety and deals  
2.9 a heavy blow to morale of law enforcement across the country, including Minnesota; and

2.10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it  
2.11 condemns President Trump's pardon of those found guilty of violent crimes for their participation  
2.12 in the January 6 attack.

2.13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnesota Senate rejects any attempt to abandon or  
2.14 ignore the decisions reached by those in the Judicial Branch at the state or federal level.

2.15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare a copy  
2.16 of this resolution, to be authenticated by his signature and that of the Chair of the Senate Rules and  
2.17 Administration Committee, and transmit it to Governor Tim Walz.