

Resolution Honoring the Service and Sacrifice of Police Officers Who Defended the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021

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Whereas the United States Capitol was violently assaulted by a mob of insurrectionists on January 6, 2020;

Whereas the individuals involved were inspired by the words and actions of President Trump up to and including a rally urging supporters to march to the Capitol, held less than an hour before Capitol grounds were breached [1,2];

Whereas the decision of many Congressional Republicans, including every Republican member of the Virginia delegation, to falsely insinuate that the 2020 election was somehow illegitimate only served to feed the frenzy that led to the January 6th attack;

Whereas President Trump failed to promptly intervene when he learned of the Capitol assault;

Whereas the irresponsible and dangerous actions of the President and his followers put Members of Congress, the Vice President, and congressional staff in grave physical danger;

Whereas the police officers present were the last line of defense at the Capitol;

Whereas Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick of Virginia was attacked by rioters while defending the Capitol, ultimately succumbing to his injuries;

Whereas Congressman Don Beyer has introduced legislation to honor Officer Sicknick and posthumously award him a Congressional Gold Medal;

Whereas Capitol Police Officer Eugene Goodman through bravery and quick thinking potentially saved the lives of many elected officials by leading the rioters away from the Senate chamber; and

Whereas the U.S. Senate has passed legislation awarding Officer Goodman the Congressional Gold Medal. Now, therefore, be it—

Resolved, that the Alexandria Democratic Committee—

1. Condemns those involved in instigating or carrying out the assault on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, including President Donald Trump and Virginia Representatives Rob Wittman, Bob Good, Ben Cline, and Morgan Griffith;
2. Honors the sacrifice of Officer Brian D. Sicknick and offers its condolences to his friends and family;

3. Lauds the bravery and dedication of Officer Eugene Goodman who never should have been put in such a dangerous situation; and
4. Honors the service of every police officer who did their duty to defend our Constitutionally granted democratic institutions on January 6, 2021.

References:

[1] <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/01/12/us/capitol-mob-timeline.html>

[2] <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/10/us/trump-speech-riot.html>