
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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CAPPELLETTI, SANTARSIERO, KEARNEY, COMMITTA, TARTAGLIONE AND
COSTA, JANUARY 19, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JANUARY 19, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating January 6, 2023, as "1/6 Day" in Pennsylvania to
2 honor the law enforcement officers who defended our nation
3 against the insurrection at the United States Capitol and the
4 members of the Congress of the United States who proceeded to
5 vote despite threats to their personal safety, on the two-
6 year anniversary of the January 6, 2021, insurrection.

7 WHEREAS, On January 6, 2021, members of the United States
8 Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department of the
9 District of Columbia faced the unprecedented situation of
10 defending the United States Capitol from armed and trained
11 insurrectionists who executed a planned and violent attack to
12 stop the Congress of the United States from carrying out the
13 electoral college process required by the United States
14 Constitution; and

15 WHEREAS, Organized domestic terrorist groups, paramilitary
16 groups and conspiracy theorists planned the attack using the
17 Internet by coordinating resources and sharing maps of the
18 United States Capitol in plain sight days and weeks in advance
19 of the attack; and

1 WHEREAS, The armed and organized militia breached the grounds
2 of the United States Capitol in eight places nearly
3 simultaneously with more than 9,400 rioters; and

4 WHEREAS, Police were thinly placed that day and vastly
5 outnumbered by rioters, and police described this planned and
6 executed attack as a war zone with people who were prepared for
7 a fight, armed with tactical items, including, but not limited
8 to, pepper spray, smoke grenades, gas grenades, pepper balls,
9 flash bangs, gas masks, body armor, two-way radios, military
10 tactical gear, bulletproof vests and more; and

11 WHEREAS, After almost an hour and a half into the battle,
12 rioters breached multiple parts of the United States Capitol
13 almost simultaneously and sought out the Vice President and
14 members of the Congress of the United States, while destroying
15 large parts of the historical building and its priceless
16 artifacts; and

17 WHEREAS, Police protected the Vice President, members of the
18 Congress of the United States and their staff from harm, even as
19 rioters invaded the House and Senate chambers; and

20 WHEREAS, Police continued to defend the United States Capitol
21 in a battle that raged for almost four hours before members of
22 the National Guard and other law enforcement provided
23 reinforcements and were able to sweep the rioters out of the
24 building; and

25 WHEREAS, Despite the interruption and trauma, as soon as law
26 enforcement cleared the building, the members of the Congress of
27 the United States returned to their chambers in solidarity to
28 complete the electoral college process and fulfill their
29 requirements under the United States Constitution; and

30 WHEREAS, Approximately 140 police officers were injured in

1 defense of our country; and

2 WHEREAS, Nine individuals lost their lives from injuries
3 sustained in the battle or subsequent to it, including the
4 following five police officers who defended our freedom:

5 (1) Officer Howard Liebengood, 51, of the United States
6 Capitol Police;

7 (2) Officer Brian Sicknick, 42, of the United States
8 Capitol Police;

9 (3) Officer Kyle DeFreytag, 26, of the Metropolitan
10 Police Department of the District of Columbia;

11 (4) Officer Gunther Hashida, 43, of the Metropolitan
12 Police Department of the District of Columbia; and

13 (5) Officer Jeffrey Smith, 35, of the Metropolitan
14 Police Department of the District of Columbia;

15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 designate January 6, 2023, as "1/6 Day" in Pennsylvania to honor
18 the law enforcement officers who defended our nation against the
19 insurrection at the United States Capitol and the members of the
20 Congress of the United States who proceeded to vote despite
21 threats to their personal safety, on the two-year anniversary of
22 the January 6, 2021, insurrection; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to each
24 member of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation in the
25 United States Senate and the United States House of
26 Representatives.