

By: Senator(s) Chism

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP FOR
2 ISSUING, ON JANUARY 20, 2025, A "PROCLAMATION GRANTING PARDONS AND
3 COMMUTATION OF SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES RELATING TO THE
4 EVENTS AT OR NEAR THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL ON JANUARY 6, 2021."

5 WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, individuals breached and gained
6 entrance to the United States Capitol and, in some instances,
7 damaged or destroyed federal property; and

8 WHEREAS, this Senate does not condone, and indeed condemns,
9 violent protests, forcibly trespassing into restricted areas of
10 government property, or participating in mob action; and

11 WHEREAS, nevertheless, the Constitution of the United States
12 and our deeply rooted legal traditions secure the fair, equal,
13 impartial, apolitical, even-handed, proportional application of
14 our nation's criminal laws; and

15 WHEREAS, contrary to the inflamed, politicized rhetoric
16 claiming that the actions of the January 6th protestors resulted
17 in five deaths, according to an official report from the District
18 of Columbia Medical Examiner, one Capitol Police Officer, Brian
19 Sicknick, tragically died the following day of natural causes; and



20 WHEREAS, despite inflated and politicized rhetoric to the
21 contrary, only one person, Ashley Babbitt, one of the protestors
22 and a 35-year-old Air Force veteran, died on the Capitol grounds
23 on January 6th, after being shot by a capitol police officer; and

24 WHEREAS, the only person other than Ms. Babbitt who died on
25 the day of the January 6th protests, Rosanne Boyle, died,
26 according a public account given by Mississippian Tommy Tatum, who
27 was in her immediate vicinity that day, because police fired 31
28 pepper ball rounds into a crowd of protesters gathered in a
29 tunnel; then police pushed the crowd back into the tunnel, causing
30 Ms. Boyle to be trapped under other protesters, leading to her
31 tragic demise; and

32 WHEREAS, according to an April 11, 2022, report from PBS.org,
33 the Biden Department of Justice instituted the largest
34 prosecutorial efforts in its history in connection with the
35 incidents of January 6th; and

36 WHEREAS, this unprecedented wave of federal prosecutions led
37 to approximately 1,583 defendants being charged with federal
38 crimes in connection with the January 6th protests; and

39 WHEREAS, a report by the Chairman of the House Administration
40 Subcommittee on Oversight revealed that one of the only two
41 republicans present on the January 6th Select Committee,
42 Representative Liz Cheney, "likely broke" "numerous federal laws,"
43 including a prohibition on "procuring another person to commit
44 perjury"; and



45 WHEREAS, this report also stated that the creation of the
46 very committee assigned to review January 6th was "a politically
47 motivated witch hunt" intended to "guarantee that President Trump
48 could not return to office" via conviction for insurrection under
49 the Fourteenth Amendment "after Speaker Pelosi failed to secure a
50 conviction in the Senate for the second time," an "idea that was
51 published in major newspapers within days of January 6 and spoken
52 about frequently in Left-wing circles"; and

53 WHEREAS, most of the January 6th defendants were charged,
54 detained, threatened with trial, and in some cases tried and
55 convicted in this highly charged, politicized atmosphere in the
56 District of Columbia Circuit, before a jury pool drawn from voters
57 who had voted more than 92.1 percent for Joe Biden and only 5.4
58 percent for President Trump; and

59 WHEREAS, many January 6th defendants languished in pretrial
60 detention or home confinement for many months, and even years,
61 before trial or disposition, violating their constitutional rights
62 to a speedy trial; and

63 WHEREAS, January 6th defendants typically sought transfers to
64 a fair venue outside the politically charged and biased atmosphere
65 of the District of Columbia Circuit, but these transfer motions
66 were denied, denying them their constitutional right to a trial
67 before a fair and impartial jury; and

68 WHEREAS, one such defendant, Robert Morss, a former Army
69 Ranger and high school history teacher who served his country in



70 three deployments to Afghanistan, according to his public account,
71 was arrested by federal authorities on the last day of school on
72 June 11, 2021, in a manner calculated to cause him maximum
73 embarrassment, and was incarcerated for well over two years before
74 being afforded trial; and

75 WHEREAS, many January 6th defendants received sentences that
76 were disproportionate to their actions; and

77 WHEREAS, one such defendant was Larry Brock, Jr., retired Air
78 Force Lieutenant Colonel, who, according to his public account,
79 arrived at the Capitol on January 6th after all fencing and
80 barriers had been removed; walked through the open doors as
81 capitol police stood there doing nothing to impede him; walked
82 through the Capitol, at one point breaking up a fight between two
83 men, one of whom was an undercover capitol police officer, who
84 testified at Lieutenant Colonel Brock's trial that he had acted to
85 protect him and his partner; then went on the Senate floor and
86 told the man sitting in Vice President Mike Pence's chair to get
87 out of Vice President Pence's chair; then had a cordial
88 conversation with a capitol police officer while he walked to the
89 nearest exit; and nevertheless, for this conduct was charged with
90 a felony and multiple misdemeanors; was tried in the District of
91 Columbia Circuit Court; and was convicted on felony and
92 misdemeanor charges, leading to a lengthy incarceration, including
93 more than 127 days in isolated confinement; however, after the
94 United States Supreme Court held in another January 6th case,



95 *Fischer v. United States*, that the same felony Mr. Brock was
96 charged with was a misapplication of federal criminal statute, Mr.
97 Brock's felony conviction was vacated by the trial court; and

98 WHEREAS, another such defendant was Thomas Webster, a former
99 marine veteran of three overseas deployments, a New York City
100 police officer of 20 years, and father of three children who,
101 according to the public account of his wife, Michelle Webster, was
102 at the Capitol on January 6th when protesters, including older
103 women and children, were attacked by Metropolitan District of
104 Columbia police officers with rubber bullets, noxious gas, and
105 flash-bang grenades, while peacefully protesting and praying;
106 whereupon Mr. Webster approached a barricade while holding a
107 Marine Corps flag, when a Metropolitan D.C. police officer began
108 taunting and provoking him, saying "come on over" the barricade,
109 then began pushing him, then open-hand punched Mr. Webster in the
110 face; whereupon the flag pole he was carrying came down on the
111 barricade without hitting the officer, causing the flag pole to
112 break; whereupon the officer crossed over the barricade on the
113 protesters' side and grabbed the flag pole, stuck it in Mr.
114 Webster's mouth like a horse bit, and punched Mr. Webster again;
115 and

116 WHEREAS according to Mrs. Webster, the Metropolitan Police
117 Department suspended the case against Mr. Webster when they
118 interviewed the officer, but the Department of Justice reopened
119 the case and charged Mr. Webster with five felonies and one



120 misdemeanor; which resulted in a trial and conviction in which the
121 District of Columbia Circuit Judge sentenced Mr. Webster to ten
122 years in federal prison; despite the fact that Mr. Webster never
123 struck the officer; while an FBI agent in sworn testimony said the
124 officer struck Mr. Webster; moreover, the officer never reported
125 the incident, never went to the hospital or sought medical
126 attention; additionally, at trial the officer testified he did not
127 report the incident because he did not think it was a reportable
128 incident, never submitted a victim impact statement, and only
129 asked for Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) in restitution; and

130 WHEREAS, by contrast, after the May 25, 2020, death of George
131 Floyd, according to a June 7, 2022, article in *National Review*,
132 protests resulted in more than a dozen deaths and more than a
133 billion dollars in property damage; and

134 WHEREAS, the May 2020 George Floyd protests led to numerous
135 federal felony charges during the Trump Administration, but,
136 according to an April 14, 2021, report by *Politico.com*, soon after
137 the Biden Administration took office, federal prosecutors in
138 Portland, Oregon, executed lenient agreements with the Portland
139 protestors to resolve multiple felony cases without criminal
140 convictions; and

141 WHEREAS, the conduct of the January 6th defendants, while
142 regrettable, and in select cases, condemnable, did not warrant the
143 unprecedented, politically motivated, excessive prosecutions
144 before a biased jury pool, which resulted in sentences grossly



disproportionate to the acts committed, and which frequently involved denials of constitutional rights to a speedy trial and lengthy incarceration before defendants' cases were resolved; and

WHEREAS, this long train of abuses in connection with the January 6th prosecutions is yet another example of the Biden Administration's weaponization of the justice system, all to tarnish the reputation of Donald J. Trump and to intimidate his supporters to prevent his reelection; and

WHEREAS, these efforts failed to prevent the American people from re-electing Donald J. Trump as President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, former President Biden himself has issued a scandalously high number of pardons and clemencies, including pardoning his own disgraced son, admitted felon Hunter Biden, whom President Biden falsely promised he would never pardon, and also issued last-minute pardons of other Biden family members, James B. Biden, Sara Jones Biden, Valerie Biden Owens, John T. Owens, and Francis W. Biden, further including last-minute pardons of Dr. Anthony M. Fauci, General Mark Milley, and the members and staff of the January 6th select committee; yet, former President Biden provided no relief to those January 6th prisoners who were persecuted by his administration for exercising their rights to free speech and protest and who, indeed, were made to suffer as pawns in detestable political games, out of all proportion to the protestors' actions:



170 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
171 MISSISSIPPI, That we commend President Trump for issuing, on
172 January 20, 2025, a "Proclamation Granting Pardons and Commutation
173 of Sentences for Certain Offenses Relating to the Events" at or
174 near the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.

175 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be furnished to
176 President Donald J. Trump, Majority Leader John Thune of the U.S.
177 Senate, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, the U.S. Attorney
178 General's Office, Mississippi's members of Congress, and
179 Mississippi's U.S. Senators, and made available to the Capitol
180 Press Corps.

