Title: A Resolution Denouncing the Attempted Coup d’etat of the United States Government on January 6, 2021

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WHEREAS: On January 6, 2021, The United States Congress was forcefully breached around 2:15 PM by right-wing conservative activists. Reports detail that insurrectionists were in full-body armor and pushed past barricades¹; and,

WHEREAS: These insurrectionists are largely credited for being fanatic supporters of President Trump and were attempting to disrupt the certification of electoral college results, a civilian was shot inside the Capitol and later passed away at the hospital²; and,

WHEREAS: “[Vice-President] Pence, who was presiding over the joint session of Congress, could be seen rushing out of the Senate chamber amid the sounds of throngs of President Donald Trump’s supporters who surrounded the Capitol. Pence and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the Senate president pro tem, were taken to a secure location, a senator told NBC News.”³

WHEREAS: It is important to recognize the discrepancy in response from the Capitol and the District of Columbia police forces. Months prior when Black Lives Matter and racial justice protests were ongoing police forces did not hesitate to use lethal force; and,

WHEREAS: The balance of power in the legislative branch shifting in favor of the Democratic party has fueled the violent reaction of right-wing insurrectionists. The reaction by President Trump calling for these insurrectionists to leave the Capitol complex while suggesting the presidential election was “rigged” has also contributed to the violence; therefore,

LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 71st ASSOCIATED STUDENTS SENATE ASSEMBLED: The Associated Students’ Senate strongly denounces the violence enacted today by right-wing insurrectionists in their attempt to overthrow the United States Government; and,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE 71st ASSOCIATED STUDENTS SENATE ASSEMBLED: It is the formal opinion of the Associated Students’ Senate denounces the selective and racially prejudiced use of lethal force against Black, Indigenous, and people of color protestors; and,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE 71st ASSOCIATED STUDENTS SENATE ASSEMBLED: It is imperative that the insurrectionist be held accountable for their actions and be persecuted to the full extent of the law. And that lawmakers who encouraged such treasonous behavior be removed from their elected positions; therefore,

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE 71st ASSOCIATED STUDENTS SENATE ASSEMBLED: It is the formal opinion of the Associated Students’ Senate that the 2020 U.S. general election was fair and free of intervention of widespread fraud and the results are legitimate.