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By Senators Schmidt, Francisco, Haley, Holscher, Pettey, Sykes and Ware

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A RESOLUTION condemning the pardons and commutations of sentences for those individuals involved in the violent attack on law enforcement officers at the United States capitol building on January 6, 2021.

WHEREAS, On January 20, 2025, President Trump issued blanket pardons to and commuted the sentences of more than 1,500 people who faced prosecution for their involvement in the violent attack on law enforcement officers at the United States capitol building on January 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The people who were pardoned or granted commuted sentences faced criminal prosecution or were already serving sentences for being convicted of crimes including assault and battery of law enforcement officers and crimes involving the use of deadly weapons against law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers in Kansas put their lives at risk every day in order to protect Kansans across the state and a specialized group of members of the Kansas Highway Patrol protect the people in our Kansas state capitol building; and

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas prides itself on protecting our law enforcement officers who risk their lives daily to protect Kansans by criminalizing violence against law enforcement officers and having enhanced sentencing provisions for those who commit violence against a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, It is important that we send a message to law enforcement officers across Kansas that we condemn the issuance of pardons for those who commit violence against law enforcement officers and believe that such individuals should be held accountable for their actions: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we condemn the pardons and commutations of sentences for those involved in violence against law enforcement officers during the violent attack on the United States capitol building on January 6, 2021; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Schmidt, the Kansas Fraternal Order of Police, the Kansas Sheriffs' Association and the United

States Congressional delegation from Kansas.