

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

Reps. Haadsma, Kuppa, Hope, O'Neal, Witwer, Shannon, Garza, Manoogian, Stone, Brabec, Sowerby, Rogers, Tyrone Carter, Puri, Bolden, Sneller, Cherry, Hood, Steckloff, Weiss, Sabo, Cambensy, Breen, Jones and Anthony offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to memorialize the federal government to continue
2 to stand with the Burmese people against the military coup in
3 Burma.

4 Whereas, On February 1, 2021, the military of Burma carried
5 out a coup against the nation's government. Aung San Suu Kyi, the
6 democratically elected civilian leader, was placed under house
7 arrest and charged with violating an obscure importation law. Other
8 prominent members of the ruling National League for Democracy (NLD)
9 party were also detained; and

10 Whereas, In the days since the coup, the military has limited

1 basic rights and used violence against protestors. A national
2 curfew has been imposed and gatherings of more than five people
3 have been outlawed. Police have fired into crowds with live
4 ammunition and at least one protestor has been critically wounded;
5 and

6 Whereas, Despite threats to their health and safety, the
7 Burmese people have stood against this assault on their democracy.
8 Protests have continued to grow and symbols of resistance have
9 become ubiquitous throughout the country; and

10 Whereas, The U.S. government has taken important steps to
11 oppose the military takeover in Burma. The State Department has
12 officially declared the takeover a coup d'état. President Joe Biden
13 recently imposed sanctions on the generals responsible for the
14 coup; and

15 Whereas, Continued solidarity of the United States with the
16 Burmese people will be crucial in returning democracy to Burma. As
17 the leader of the free world, it is the duty of America to use its
18 power and influence to advocate for an end to military rule; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize
21 the federal government to continue to stand with the Burmese people
22 against the military coup in Burma; and be it further

23 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
24 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States
25 House of Representatives, the President of the United States
26 Senate, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.