

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

Rep. Koleszar offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to condemn the sweeping presidential pardons for
2 those involved in the attempted coup to overturn the 2020
3 presidential election at the United States Capitol.

4 Whereas, The peaceful transfer of power is a cornerstone of
5 the United States of America. The fabric of our democracy, the
6 stability of our county, and the continued progress of our nation
7 require adherence to this principle; and

8 Whereas, On January 6, 2021, in what is usually a ceremonial
9 affair, a joint session of Congress gathered to count the Electoral
10 College votes and affirm the victory of President-elect Joe Biden
11 was interrupted by a group of terrorists looking to take control of
12 the United States Capitol Building. The insurrection contributed to
13 the deaths of five people, including an officer of the United
14 States Capitol Police. Moreover, dozens of law enforcement officers

1 and others were injured, and the violence left a wake of damage and
2 destruction in our hallowed Capitol; and

3 Whereas, At a political rally earlier that day, President
4 Donald Trump, who has continually sought to invalidate our duly
5 held election, encouraged attendees to march to the United States
6 Capitol Building in protest of the Electoral College vote
7 certification. The inflammatory speech included false claims of
8 voter fraud in Michigan, with an eye toward unjustifiably
9 challenging the clear and convincing decision of Michigan voters to
10 award the state's electoral votes to President-elect Joe Biden. In
11 this rally and throughout past rallies, President Donald Trump's
12 harmful rhetoric and unsubstantiated, conspiratorial, and irregular
13 allegations of election fraud had provided fuel for hate and
14 violence; and

15 Whereas, Among this group of insurrectionists encouraged to
16 march upon the United States Capitol Building by the sitting
17 President of the United States were members of hate groups, those
18 armed with zip ties and pepper spray, and those chanting for the
19 execution of a sitting Vice President; and

20 Whereas, On January 20, 2025, on his first day back in office,
21 President Donald Trump granted full, complete, and unconditional
22 pardons or commutations to all individuals convicted of a criminal
23 offense related to the violent attack on the United States Capitol.
24 This includes at least twenty-six individuals arrested in or from
25 Michigan; and

26 Whereas, Leaders across the country must unite to condemn the
27 acts of the President of the United States, namely, releasing
28 violent criminals back into our community; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we condemn the

1 sweeping presidential pardons for those involved in the attempted
2 coup to overturn the 2020 presidential election at the United
3 States Capitol; and be it further

4 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
5 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
6 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan
7 congressional delegation.