A RESOLUTION HONORING THE CAPITOL AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN POLICE FOR THEIR HEROISM IN PROTECTING OUR CAPITOL AND OUR DEMOCRACY ON JANUARY 6, 2021

Whereas, Exactly one year ago on January 6, 2021, the world watched in horror as a violent mob broke into the United States Capitol in an effort to halt the certification of the electoral vote and overturn the 2020 election; and

Whereas, Thankfully the insurrection was unsuccessful, but echoes continue to reverberate today as many in the Republican Party, including Florida's Republican Senators and entire Republican Congressional delegation, attempt to deny, minimize or normalize the attempted coup, while investigators in both the Justice Department and Congress continue to investigate exactly what happened; and

Whereas, During the attempted coup, many Capitol Police Officers and Police from the District of Columbia fought valiantly for our democracy, some even losing their lives while others sustained long term mental and physical injuries.

Be It Resolved, That the Palm Beach County Democratic Executive Committee gives thanks and pays tribute to all the officers who protected our Capitol and our Constitution by standing in the breach on January 6, 2021; and

Be It Further Resolved, That the Palm Beach County Democratic Executive Committee especially honors and grieves for those who lost their lives as a result of the insurrection: Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, Metropolitan Police Officers Gunther Hashida, Kyle DeFreytad, Jeffrey Smith and Capitol Police Officer Howard Liebengood.

Passed by the Palm Beach County Democratic Executive Committee January 6, 2022