STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE JANUARY 6TH INSURRECTION

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, the United States Congress convened in a joint session pursuant to the United States Constitution and the federal Electoral Count Act of 1887 to certify the results of the people's vote and the Electoral College results in the 2020 Presidential Election; and

WHEREAS, on the same date, a group of insurgents violently stormed the United States Capitol in an act of domestic terrorism with the intent to disrupt and prevent the certification of the 2020 Electoral College results; and

WHEREAS, this act of domestic terrorism left an estimated 140 members of law enforcement, who serve and protect the United States Capitol and the United States Congress, with serious injuries ranging from brain damage to crushed spinal discs; and

WHEREAS, this act of domestic terrorism represented a threat to the safety of the members of the United States Congress and an affront to the United States Constitution, democracy and our commitment to holding free and fair elections that ensure every American is able to exercise the right to vote; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize this solemn anniversary, honor the brave men and women serving in law enforcement committed to protecting the United States Capitol and the Maine State House and recommit to protecting the right of Maine citizens to participate in free and fair elections.