

STATE OF KANSAS

SENATE CHAMBER

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move to amend **SR 1707**, on page 1, by striking all in lines 5 through 36;

On page 2, by striking all in lines 1 through 11; in line 12, by striking all before the period and inserting:

"WHEREAS, On January 6, 2021, a mob of armed insurrectionists stormed the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. in a violent attempt to overturn the will of American voters and the election of Joe Biden as the 46th President of the United States of America and Kamala Harris as the 49th Vice President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, An attack on the United States Capitol has not occurred since 1814 when British troops fired upon and burned federal buildings in Washington, D.C.—including the White House and the Capitol during the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has consistently supported efforts to disenfranchise thousands of Kansas voters, defending Kris Kobach's voter ID law that was found unconstitutional by the United States District Court, a ruling upheld by the 10th United States Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt signed on to the frivolous lawsuit brought by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton to overturn the free and fair election of Joe Biden as the 46th President of the United States of America and Kamala Harris as the 49th Vice President of the United States, seeking to disenfranchise millions of voters in the states of Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin and sow doubt in the 2020 presidential election, a baseless lawsuit rejected by the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt is a standing member of the Republican Attorneys General Association and a recent board member of its dark money affiliate Rule of Law Defense Fund (RLDF), which federal authorities have confirmed was responsible for paid phone calls inciting people to "march" on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt is the top law enforcement officer in the State of Kansas, and his actions to advance unfounded conspiracy theories, foment doubt in a free and fair election and disenfranchise millions of legitimate voters precipitated the violent assault on American democracy resulting in the death of five U.S citizens, including Brian D. Sicknick, a federal law enforcement officer:

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we condemn the actions of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt to suppress the rights of thousands of Kansas citizens, and millions of legitimate voters in the United States, to have a voice in their democracy and seed doubt in the free and fair election of Joe Biden as the 46th President of the United States. Actions that incited a deadly, seditious attempt to overthrow the seat of American democracy and the Constitution he solemnly swore to protect";

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "RESOLUTION"; by striking line 2; in line 3, by striking all before the period and inserting "condemning the actions of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt to suppress the rights of legitimate voters in a free and fair election that incited an attempt to overthrow American democracy"

Senator _____