

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.28

Senators Bayer, Irwin, Wojno, Polehanki, Brinks, Chang and Hollier offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Senate of the United States to pass,
2 and the President of the United States to sign, legislation to ban
3 chokeholds, end racial and religious profiling, establish a
4 national database to track police misconduct, and prohibit certain
5 no-knock warrants, among other initiatives.

6 Whereas, The death of George Floyd in May 2020 triggered
7 nationwide protests and national outcry against police brutality.
8 The killings of Americans, especially people of color, have again
9 focused attention on police misconduct. These incidents create
10 instability within our communities and require police reforms at
11 all levels; and

12 Whereas, Necessary first steps to address police brutality and

1 misconduct include banning the use of chokeholds, prohibiting
2 certain no-knock warrants, and creating a national registry of
3 police misconduct to stop the cycling in and out of officers who
4 have poor disciplinary records or histories of abuse; and

5 Whereas, The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021,
6 H.R. 434, recently passed by the U.S. House of Representatives,
7 addresses racial and religious profiling, bans chokeholds and no-
8 knock warrants, holds police accountable for misconduct in court,
9 and provides for investigations into police misconduct. The George
10 Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021 is an appropriate first step
11 in reforming police practices to protect the rights of all
12 Americans; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Senate of the United
14 States to pass, and the President of the United States to sign,
15 legislation to ban chokeholds, end racial and religious profiling,
16 establish a national database to track police misconduct, and
17 prohibit certain no-knock warrants, among other policing reforms;
18 and be it further

19 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
20 President of the United States, the President of the United States
21 Senate, and members of the Michigan congressional delegation.