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A RESOLUTION

Τо	expel	Rep	resentative	Larry	Householder	from	the	1
	House	of	Representati	ves.				2

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Under Article II, Section 6 of the Unio	3
Constitution, the House of Representatives may punish its	4
members for disorderly conduct and may, with the concurrence of	5
two-thirds of its members, expel a member; and	6
WHEREAS, On July 30, 2020, following an intensive, months-	7
long investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and	8
the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern	9
District of Ohio, a federal grand jury indicted Representative	10
Larry Householder and five others for conspiracy to engage in a	11
pattern of racketeering activity; and	12
WHEREAS, The indictment alleges that Representative	13
Householder, along with other members of a criminal enterprise,	14
conspired to engage in a pattern of racketeering activity,	15
including bribery and laundering of monetary instruments, to	16
secretly funnel and launder more than sixty million dollars from	17
a corporation to be used for the personal and political benefit	18
of Representative Householder and the other members of the	19



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criminal enterprise, including Representative Householder's	20
efforts to ensure passage of legislation providing over one	21
billion dollars in subsidies benefiting the corporation that	22
financed his activities; to thwart a referendum petition to	23
place that legislation on the ballot for a vote of the people;	24
and to further the conspiracy; and	25
WHEREAS, The former United States Attorney for the Southern	26
District of Ohio characterized the alleged racketeering	27
conspiracy as "likely the largest bribery, money laundering	28
scheme ever perpetrated against the people of the state of	29
Ohio"; and	30
WHEREAS, Three of the six defendants originally charged in	31
the indictment have pleaded guilty to charges in the case; and	32
WHEREAS, Representative Householder has not voluntarily	33
resigned as a member of the House of Representatives despite a	34
public request to do so; now therefore be it	35
RESOLVED, That Representative Larry Householder is expelled	36
from the House of Representatives.	37