

A RESOLUTION

To expel Representative Larry Householder from the House of Representatives.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:

WHEREAS, Under Article II, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution, the House of Representatives may punish its members for disorderly conduct and may, with the concurrence of two-thirds of its members, expel a member, but not the second time for the same cause; and

WHEREAS, Under that section, the House of Representatives has all powers necessary to provide for its safety and the undisturbed transaction of its business and to obtain information regarding any alleged breach of its privileges or misconduct of its members; and

WHEREAS, On July 30, 2020, following an intensive, months-long investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, a federal grand jury indicted Representative Larry Householder and five others for conspiracy to engage in a pattern of racketeering activity; and

WHEREAS, The indictment alleges that Representative Householder, along with other members of a criminal enterprise, conspired to engage in a pattern of racketeering activity, including bribery and laundering of monetary instruments, to secretly funnel and launder more than sixty million dollars from a corporation to be used for the personal and political benefit of Representative Householder and the other members of the criminal enterprise, including Representative Householder's efforts to ensure passage of legislation providing over one billion dollars in subsidies benefiting the corporation that financed his activities; to thwart a referendum petition to place that legislation on the ballot for a vote of the people; and to further the conspiracy; and

WHEREAS, Three of the six defendants charged in the indictment have pleaded guilty to charges in the case; and

WHEREAS, Several of the acts and omissions alleged in the indictment constitute violations of Ohio law and of the Legislative Code of Ethics and are disorderly conduct within the meaning of Article II, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Representative Householder cannot defend himself against the charges in the indictment while effectively serving the people of his district and avoiding causing a disturbance to the transaction of the business of the House of Representatives; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Representative Larry Householder is expelled from the House of Representatives.

Speaker _____ of the House of Representatives.

Adopted _____, 20____