

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. _____

Rep. _____ offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to censure Representative Matt Maddock of the
2 Forty-Fourth House District, State of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Article IV, Section 16 of the *Constitution of the*
4 *State of Michigan of 1963* provides, in relevant part:

5 Each house, except as otherwise provided in this
6 constitution, shall choose its own officers and determine
7 the rules of its proceedings ... Each house shall be the
8 sole judge of the qualifications, elections and returns of
9 its members...

10 ; and

11 Whereas, Article XI, Section 1 of the *Constitution of the*
12 *State of Michigan of 1963* provides, in relevant part:

13 All officers, legislative, executive and judicial, before



1 entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall
 2 take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I do
 3 solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the
 4 Constitution of the United States and the constitution of
 5 this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties
 6 of the office of according to the best of my
 7 ability. No other oath, affirmation, or any religious test
 8 shall be required as a qualification for any office or
 9 public trust.

10 ; and

11 Whereas, House Rule 74(6) states:

12 A Member shall conduct himself or herself to justify the
 13 confidence placed in him or her by the people and shall,
 14 by personal example and admonition to colleagues, maintain
 15 the integrity and responsibility of his or her office

16 ; and

17 Whereas, House Rule 74(7) states:

18 A Member shall not engage in any conduct that materially
 19 impairs the ability of the Member to perform the duties of
 20 his or her office or substantially impair the public
 21 confidence in the House.

22 ; and

23 Whereas, Representative Matt Maddock has engaged in a pattern
 24 of misconduct that has undermined the public's confidence in him,
 25 in the House, and in Michigan's electoral process and democratic
 26 institutions in violation of his Oath of Office and the Standing
 27 Rules of the House of Representatives; and

28 Whereas, Representative Matt Maddock has participated in
 29 frivolous legal proceedings seeking to undermine Michigan's

1 election laws, duly enacted by the Michigan Legislature, and to
 2 subvert the manifest will of the citizens of Michigan as expressed
 3 in the 2020 general election; and

4 Whereas, Representative Matt Maddock repeatedly fomented armed
 5 intimidation and threats of political violence against legislators,
 6 legislative staff, other elected officials, and the citizens of the
 7 state of Michigan in violation of his Oath of Office and the
 8 Standing Rules of the House of Representatives; and

9 Whereas, Representative Matt Maddock was present for, and
 10 assisted in organizing Michiganders to participate in, the
 11 seditious insurrection that took place in Washington, D.C., on
 12 January 6, 2021, during the counting of electoral votes; and

13 Whereas, Representative Matt Maddock's actions have drawn
 14 national attention and disrepute to the state of Michigan, the
 15 Michigan Legislature, and the Michigan House of Representatives,
 16 shaking the public trust and confidence in this legislative body,
 17 in Michigan's electoral process, and in our democratic
 18 institutions; and striking the honor, dignity, and integrity of
 19 this body; and

20 Whereas, Public trust and confidence in the legislature, the
 21 electoral process, and democratic institutions are prerequisites to
 22 the functioning of a democratic society; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That Representative
 24 Matt Maddock of the Forty-Fourth House District, State of Michigan,
 25 has conducted acts inconsistent with the trust and duties of a
 26 state representative. He has endangered his colleagues in the
 27 Michigan Legislature, endeavored to delegitimize Michigan's
 28 electoral process, and done considerable harm to public confidence
 29 in state government. He has failed to maintain the integrity and



1 responsibility of his office and to meet his solemn obligations to
2 the people of the state of Michigan; and be it further

3 Resolved, That in accordance with the above-cited provisions
4 of the *Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963* and the
5 Standing Rules of the House of Representatives, Representative Matt
6 Maddock is hereby censured by the Michigan House of
7 Representatives; and be it further

8 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
9 Representative Matt Maddock.

