

As Introduced

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H. R. No. 69

Representatives Fraizer, Stewart

A RESOLUTION

To expel Representative Larry Householder from the 1
House of Representatives. 2

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

WHEREAS, Under Article II, Section 6 of the Ohio 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, but not the second 6
time for the same cause; and 7

WHEREAS, Under that section, the House of Representatives 8
has all powers necessary to provide for its safety and the 9
undisturbed transaction of its business and to obtain 10
information regarding any alleged breach of its privileges or 11
misconduct of its members; and 12

WHEREAS, On July 30, 2020, following an intensive, months- 13
long investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and 14
the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern 15
District of Ohio, a federal grand jury indicted Representative 16
Larry Householder and five others for conspiracy to engage in a 17
pattern of racketeering activity; and 18

WHEREAS, The indictment alleges that Representative 19
Householder, along with other members of a criminal enterprise, 20

conspired to engage in a pattern of racketeering activity, 21
including bribery and laundering of monetary instruments, to 22
secretly funnel and launder more than sixty million dollars from 23
a corporation to be used for the personal and political benefit 24
of Representative Householder and the other members of the 25
criminal enterprise, including Representative Householder's 26
efforts to ensure passage of legislation providing over one 27
billion dollars in subsidies benefiting the corporation that 28
financed his activities; to thwart a referendum petition to 29
place that legislation on the ballot for a vote of the people; 30
and to further the conspiracy; and 31

WHEREAS, Three of the six defendants charged in the 32
indictment have pleaded guilty to charges in the case; and 33

WHEREAS, Several of the acts and omissions alleged in the 34
indictment constitute violations of Ohio law and of the 35
Legislative Code of Ethics and are disorderly conduct within the 36
meaning of Article II, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution; and 37

WHEREAS, Representative Householder cannot defend himself 38
against the charges in the indictment while effectively serving 39
the people of his district and avoiding causing a disturbance to 40
the transaction of the business of the House of Representatives; 41
now therefore be it 42

RESOLVED, That Representative Larry Householder is expelled 43
from the House of Representatives. 44