

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

Reps. Chatfield and Greig offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the resignation of Representative Larry
2 Inman of the One Hundred-fourth House District, state of Michigan.

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

5 "All officers, legislative, executive and judicial, before
6 entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall
7 take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I do
8 solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the
9 Constitution of the United States and the constitution of
10 this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties
11 of the office of according to the best of my
12 ability."

13 ; and



1 Whereas, House Rule 74(3) states:

2 "A Member shall not use his or her position in any manner
3 to solicit or obtain anything of value for himself or
4 herself, House employees or any other Member which tends
5 to influence the manner in which the Member performs his
6 or her official duties."

7 ; and

8 Whereas, House Rule 74(6) states:

9 "A Member shall conduct himself or herself to justify the
10 confidence placed in him or her by the people and shall,
11 by personal example and admonition to colleagues, maintain
12 the integrity and responsibility of his or her office."

13 ; and

14 Whereas, House Rule 74(7) states:

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

19 ; and

20 Whereas, House Rule 74(8) states:

21 "A Member shall adhere to these rules and all applicable
22 laws. Any violation of law or these rules by a Member is
23 subject to the House's plenary authority to reprimand,
24 censure, or expel its Members. A reprimand, censure, or
25 expulsion is in addition to any potential civil or criminal
26 penalties otherwise provided by law."

27 ; and

28 Whereas, On May 15, 2019, Representative Larry Inman was
29 charged by a federal grand jury with attempted extortion under



1 color of official right, solicitation of a bribe, and false
2 statement to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The charges
3 stem from a series of text messages in which he allegedly solicited
4 money in exchange for his vote against legislation repealing
5 Michigan's prevailing wage; and

6 Whereas, Representative Larry Inman subsequently made
7 statements to numerous press outlets that seem to acknowledge the
8 authenticity of the text messages underlying the criminal charges
9 against him, including by positing, "Text messages can be taken out
10 of context," and inexcusably declaring, "I think that's the lesson
11 learned: If you're going to have a communication with a lobbyist,
12 have it one-on-one rather than by text"; and

13 Whereas, Representative Larry Inman's pattern of conduct,
14 including both the actions alleged in the indictment and numerous
15 public statements made afterward, has drawn ridicule and disgrace
16 to the state of Michigan and the Michigan House of Representatives,
17 shaking the public trust and confidence in this legislative body,
18 staining the honor, dignity, and integrity of the House, and
19 distracting from the serious policy issues and debates before this
20 body; and

21 Whereas, Public trust and confidence in government are
22 prerequisites to the functioning of a democratic society; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That it is in the
25 best interest of the state and this institution that Representative
26 Larry Inman resign from his position as representative of the One
27 Hundred-fourth House District, state of Michigan; and be it further

28 Resolved, That the House of Representatives hereby urges
29 Representative Larry Inman to resign from his position as



1 representative of the One Hundred-fourth House District, state of
2 Michigan, effective immediately; and be it further

3 Resolved, That the House of Representatives reserves the right
4 to take further disciplinary action permitted by Article IV,
5 Section 16 of the *Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963* and
6 the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives in the event
7 that Representative Larry Inman does not immediately resign from
8 his position as representative of the One Hundred-fourth House
9 District, state of Michigan; and be it further

10 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
11 Representative Larry Inman.