

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 112

Reps. Carra, Fox, DeSana, Maddock and Schriver offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Federal Bureau of Investigation to
2 condemn the use of the expression "8647" due to its symbolism and
3 implications, including the use of this code by James Comey, former
4 Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in a social media
5 post on May 15, 2025.

6 Whereas, On May 15, 2025, James Comey, former Director of the
7 Federal Bureau of Investigation, posted a photograph of an
8 arrangement of seashells on Instagram in the formation of "8647,"
9 mentioning the "cool shell formation." After the post provoked
10 criticism, Comey deleted the post; and

11 Whereas, The code "8647" is commonly used to connote malicious
12 intent, namely an invitation of violence towards President Donald
13 J. Trump. The number 86 is commonly used as a phrase meaning

1 "remove" or "get rid of," and the number 47 refers to the 47th
2 President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump; and

3 Whereas, Governor Gretchen Whitmer used similarly dangerous
4 tactics with the prominent display of the code "8645" during an
5 interview on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday, October 18, 2020.
6 Displaying "8645" during the interview was a clear declaration of
7 hostility against then-45th President of the United States Donald
8 J. Trump; and

9 Whereas, James Comey cannot reasonably claim that he was
10 unaware of the meaning of the code "8647." Just as Governor Whitmer
11 was culpable in helping to foster an atmosphere that led to
12 multiple assassination attempts on President Trump, there are no
13 grounds on which the former Director of the Federal Bureau of
14 Investigation can justify his decision to broadcast a message that
15 recklessly endangers the life of the sitting President; and

16 Whereas, The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United
17 States protects the right to free speech, but it does not protect
18 the right to unnecessarily endanger others, knowingly and willfully
19 threatening the well-being of another individual by inviting the
20 assassination of the President of the United States. The public
21 encouragement of political violence is abhorrent, morally
22 reprehensible, and intolerable, and it should be thoroughly
23 disavowed; now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
25 Federal Bureau of Investigation to condemn the use of the
26 expression "8647" due to its symbolism and implications, including
27 the use of this code by James Comey, former director of the Federal
28 Bureau of Investigation, in a social media post on May 15, 2025;
29 and be it further

1 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
2 Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Governor of
3 Michigan, and James Comey.