

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2003

A RESOLUTION

EXPELLING DON SHOOTER FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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1 Whereas, on November 7, 2017, allegations of sexual harassment were
2 alleged against Representative Don Shooter; and

3 Whereas, subsequent to that charge, Representative Shooter asked the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives, Javan D. Mesnard, to commence an
5 investigation; and

6 Whereas, Speaker Mesnard appointed a bipartisan team to investigate
7 and evaluate all of the allegations, and that team hired special
8 counsel; and

9 Whereas, over the course of the next eleven weeks, special counsel
10 conducted interviews with over forty witnesses and victims; and

11 Whereas, the culmination of the investigation was presented to the
12 House of Representatives on January 30, 2018; and

13 Whereas, special counsel found there is credible evidence that
14 Representative Shooter has violated the Arizona House of Representatives
15 policy on workplace harassment and has created a hostile working
16 environment for his colleagues and those with business before the
17 legislature; and

18 Whereas, that pattern of conduct has occurred from the time he was
19 first elected to the Arizona Senate to as recently as 2017.

20 Therefore

21 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

22 1. That the House of Representatives finds that Representative Don
23 Shooter's pattern of conduct was dishonorable and unbecoming of a member
24 of the House of Representatives.

25 2. That Representative Don Shooter's conduct undermined the
26 public's confidence in this institution and violated the order and decorum
27 necessary to complete the peoples' work in the State of Arizona.

28 3. That in the exercise of the power granted to it by Article IV,
29 part 2, section 11, Constitution of Arizona, the House of Representatives
30 condemns workplace harassment and, with concurrence of two-thirds of its
31 members, hereby expels Representative Don Shooter.

32 4. That the seat of the member of the House of Representatives,
33 legislative district 13, occupied by Don Shooter is now vacant.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE FEBRUARY 1, 2018.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FEBRUARY 1, 2018.