

House Engrossed  
Liz Harris; expulsion

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION 2003

A RESOLUTION

EXPELLING REPRESENTATIVE LIZ HARRIS FROM THE ARIZONA HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES.

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1           Whereas, on February 23, 2023, at the request and organization of  
2 Representative Liz Harris, the House and Senate Special Joint Elections  
3 Committee held a Special Joint Hearing ("Joint Hearing") relating to  
4 election integrity, which consisted of presentations by various  
5 individuals. At this Joint Hearing, Jacqueline Breger, a member of the  
6 public, purported to present "findings" of an investigation that alleged  
7 the existence of numerous schemes within Arizona, including money  
8 laundering, drug trafficking and sales, public corruption, bribing of  
9 public officials and election fraud; and

10           Whereas, Ms. Breger presented information and distributed materials  
11 at the Joint Hearing that she claimed showed this alleged criminal  
12 activity to have been overseen by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day  
13 Saints and committed by various private citizens, government employees,  
14 and appointed and elected officials, including current Arizona  
15 legislators; and

16           Whereas, on March 6, 2023, Representative Stephanie Stahl Hamilton  
17 filed a complaint against Representative Liz Harris in connection with the  
18 Joint Hearing and in particular Ms. Breger's presentation. The complaint  
19 alleged that Representative Harris personally invited Ms. Breger to  
20 present at the Joint Hearing and, in so doing, not only brought "disrepute  
21 and embarrassment to the House of Representatives" but also "allowed the  
22 impugning of other members" in violation of House Rule 1. The complaint  
23 requested that the House of Representatives Committee on Ethics ("Ethics  
24 Committee") investigate Representative Harris's actions; and

25           Whereas, the Ethics Committee formally convened on March 23, 2023,  
26 and on March 30, 2023, the Ethics Committee held an evidentiary hearing at  
27 which various relevant exhibits and Representative Harris's testimony were  
28 considered; and

29           Whereas, on April 11, 2023, the Ethics Committee issued its report,  
30 which unanimously concluded that Representative Harris committed  
31 disorderly behavior, thereby violating Rule 1 of the Rules of the Arizona  
32 House of Representatives and damaging the institutional integrity of the  
33 House; and

34           Whereas, specifically, the Ethics Committee found that Ms. Breger  
35 made criminal allegations during the Joint Hearing, which was an  
36 inappropriate venue for such serious claims; and

37           Whereas, the Ethics Committee also found that Representative Harris  
38 knew or was aware that Ms. Breger would present these criminal allegations  
39 at the Joint Hearing; and

40           Whereas, the Ethics Committee also found that Representative Harris  
41 failed to comply with internal House of Representatives deadlines  
42 requiring disclosure of presentation materials in advance of the Joint  
43 Hearing; and

1           Whereas, the Ethics Committee also found that Representative Harris  
2 was not surprised or upset by the information revealed in Ms. Breger's  
3 presentation; and

4           Whereas, the Ethics Committee found that, as the primary organizer  
5 of the Joint Hearing and the Acting Vice Chair during Ms. Breger's  
6 presentation, Representative Harris violated the inherent obligation to  
7 protect the integrity of the House of Representatives and used her elected  
8 position to provide Ms. Breger with a legislative platform as a substitute  
9 for a criminal court; and

10           Whereas, the members of the Ethics Committee unanimously found the  
11 fact-intensive evidence to show that Representative Harris engaged in  
12 disorderly behavior in violation of House Rule 1, thereby eroding the  
13 public trust in the legislative process, and that it was appropriate for  
14 the House of Representatives as a whole to determine what, if any,  
15 disciplinary measures should be taken; and

16           Whereas, on April 12, 2023, the members of the full House of  
17 Representatives adopted the Report of the Ethics Committee as the findings  
18 of the House of Representatives.

19 Therefore

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

21           1. That the Members of the House of Representatives find that  
22 Representative Liz Harris violated House of Representatives Rule 1 and  
23 engaged in disorderly behavior.

24           2. That Representative Liz Harris's conduct relating to the  
25 February 23, 2023 Joint Hearing of the House and Senate Special Joint  
26 Elections Committee undermined the public's confidence in this institution  
27 and violated the order and decorum necessary to complete the people's work  
28 in the State of Arizona.

29           3. That in the exercise of the power granted to the House of  
30 Representatives by Article IV, part 2, section 11, Constitution of  
31 Arizona, the House of Representatives, with the concurrence of two-thirds  
32 of its members, hereby condemns the actions of Representative Liz Harris  
33 and expels her from the Arizona House of Representatives.

34           4. That the seat of the member of the House of Representatives,  
35 legislative district 13, occupied by Liz Harris, is now vacant.