

1 A RESOLUTION expelling Representative Jeff Hoover from the Kentucky House
2 of Representatives.

3 WHEREAS, under Section 39 of the Kentucky Constitution, the House of
4 Representatives has the responsibility to "punish a member for disorderly behavior, and,
5 with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member"; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Jeff Hoover requested a Legislative Research
7 Commission employee to send a "photo of the black lace g string" and promised "I won't
8 share. For my eyes only"; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Jeff Hoover subsequently thanked her "for sharing" and
10 requested she "[d]elete before somebody sees it"; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Jeff Hoover, on one or more occasions, indicated "if
12 you have photos to share, you can"; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Jeff Hoover admits other inappropriate behavior in his
14 position as Speaker of the House of Representatives, but he does not acknowledge that
15 the behavior constitutes sexual harassment or creates a hostile work environment; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Jeff Hoover entered into a confidential agreement with
17 a Legislative Research Commission employee that conceals from the public the nature of
18 the relationship; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Jeff Hoover cites the confidential agreement to conceal
20 from the public the source and amounts of payments made to the Legislative Research
21 Commission employee; and

22 WHEREAS, much of the public concurs with the Louisville Courier-Journal, which
23 has written, "that engaging in such banter with a low-level staffer when he [Jeff Hoover] is
24 the most powerful man in the state House is, in fact, sexual harassment"; and

25 WHEREAS, Governor Matt Bevin has stated that "[t]hese alleged actions, which
26 haven't been denied, are reprehensible, indefensible and unacceptable";

27 WHEREAS, Representative Jeff Hoover's acknowledged actions are condemnable

1 and have brought national dishonor and shame to the Kentucky House of Representatives;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, this Resolution does not preclude state, federal, or legislative
4 investigations, nor determine guilt nor proscribe punishment by those investigations;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

6 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
7 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

8 ➔Section 1. Representative Jeff Hoover's actions constitute disorderly behavior
9 punishable by expulsion under Section 39 of the Kentucky Constitution.

10 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives expels Jeff Hoover.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of
12 this Resolution to Jeff Hoover and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.