

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.13

Rep. Afendoulis offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to urge Michigan's United States
2 Senators to vote to find President Trump not guilty of the charges
3 contained in both Articles of Impeachment.

4 Whereas, On December 18, 2019, the United States House of
5 Representatives approved two Articles of Impeachment against
6 President Donald Trump for abuse of power and obstruction of
7 Congress. Pursuant to Article I, Section 3 of the *Constitution of*
8 *the United States*, the United States Senate is responsible for
9 conducting a trial and determining whether to convict President
10 Trump of the charges outlined in the Articles of Impeachment; and

11 Whereas, The evidence presented to the House of
12 Representatives and contained in the Articles of Impeachment does
13 not support impeachment. It is extremely limited and comes from
14 second-hand sources who were not direct witnesses to the alleged



1 conduct. The House of Representatives has drawn conclusions about
2 the President's behavior based on characterizations made by people
3 who were not present for important events. A fair-minded reading of
4 the limited evidence does not support the accusations that
5 President Trump acted corruptly during his work related to Ukraine;
6 and

7 Whereas, The effort to impeach President Trump is politically
8 motivated. Opponents of the President have been talking about
9 impeaching President Trump since his election. They have been
10 searching for justifications to launch investigations and each time
11 an investigation has failed to generate a pretext for impeachment,
12 they have quickly shifted focus, demonstrating that their intent is
13 impeachment itself; and

14 Whereas, The effort to impeach President Trump is an attempt
15 to subvert the will of the people, not enforce an abuse of power or
16 violation of the public trust. Opponents are increasingly worried
17 that he will be re-elected by the people in 2020. Concerns that the
18 American people will support a second term for President Trump have
19 moved the House of Representatives to launch a misguided and
20 divisive impeachment effort that is not based in fact; and

21 Whereas, Michigan's senators have a responsibility to uphold
22 the constitution and act in the best interests of the people of
23 Michigan. Convicting President Trump on these charges and removing
24 him from office would be detrimental to the well-being of the
25 people of Michigan and the health of our republic; now, therefore,
26 be it

27 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
28 concurring), That we urge Michigan's United States Senators to vote
29 to find President Donald Trump not guilty of the charges contained



1 in the two Articles of Impeachment approved by the United States
2 House of Representatives on December 18, 2019; and be it further
3 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
4 Michigan's United States Senators.