

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.11

Rep. Aiyash offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to create a House select committee to examine the
2 misconduct of Representative Matt Maddock of the Forty-Fourth House
3 District, State of Michigan, and recommend appropriate discipline.

4 Whereas, House Rule 74(8) states:

5 A Member shall adhere to these rules and all applicable
6 laws. Any violation of law or these rules by a Member is
7 subject to the House's plenary authority to reprimand,
8 censure, or expel its Members. A reprimand, censure, or
9 expulsion is in addition to any potential civil or criminal
10 penalties otherwise provided by law.

11 ; and

12 Whereas, Article IV, Section 16 of the *Constitution of the*
13 *State of Michigan of 1963* provides, in relevant part:

Each house shall be the sole judge of the qualifications, elections and returns of its members, and may, with the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members elected thereto and serving therein, expel a member. The reasons for such expulsion shall be entered in the journal, with the votes and names of the members voting upon the question. No member shall be expelled a second time for the same cause.

; and

Whereas, Article XI, Section 1 of the *Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963* provides, in relevant part:

All officers, legislative, executive and judicial, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of according to the best of my ability.

; and

Whereas, House Rule 74(6) states:

A Member shall conduct himself or herself to justify the confidence placed in him or her by the people and shall, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her office.

; and

Whereas, House Rule 74(7) states:

A Member shall not engage in any conduct that materially impairs the ability of the Member to perform the duties of

1 his or her office or substantially impair the public
2 confidence in the House.

3 ; and

4 Whereas, Public trust and confidence in the legislature, the
5 electoral process, and democratic institutions are prerequisites to
6 the functioning of a democratic society; now, therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That there is
8 created a House select committee to consist of six members,
9 appointed by the Speaker of the House, three members from the House
10 Republican Caucus and three members from the House Democratic
11 Caucus recommended by the House Minority Leader, to examine the
12 misconduct of Representative Matt Maddock of the Forty-Fourth House
13 District, State of Michigan, and recommend appropriate discipline.
14 The House select committee shall report its findings and
15 recommendations to the House of Representatives; and be it further

16 Resolved, That the House select committee may subpoena
17 witnesses, administer oaths, and examine the books, records, and
18 tapes of any person, partnership, association, or corporation,
19 public or private, involved in the matter properly before the
20 committee; may call upon the services and personnel of any agency
21 of the state and its political subdivisions; and may engage such
22 assistance as it deems necessary; and be it further

23 Resolved, That the members of the House select committee shall
24 serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to actual and
25 necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of
26 official duties, to be paid from the appropriation to the House of
27 Representatives; and be it further

28 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be served on
29 Representative Matt Maddock and that he be given a reasonable

- 1 opportunity to appear before the House select committee and be
- 2 represented by counsel.