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Providing for the expulsion of Representative Nancy Mace from the United States House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2026

Mr. MILLS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ethics

RESOLUTION

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Whereas on November 17, 2025, Patrick Bryant filed a restraining order against Representative Mace in Charleston County Court of Common Pleas, alleging her ongoing public harassment, profanity-laced threats against his attorneys, and dissemination of baseless claims via social media constitute irreparable harm, amid a protracted legal feud involving defamation suits, property disputes, and Representative Mace's accusations of Bryant's abuse;

Whereas on November 26, 2025, Judge Donald B. Hocker issued a gag order preventing Representative Mace from publishing, posting, sharing, or creating any public content related to her ongoing lawsuits, after she disrupted

the legal process by airing her personal grievances on her official social media and the House Floor;

Whereas in a May 2025 deposition, Wesley Donehue, a former political strategist for Representative Nancy Mace, testified under oath that Representative Mace asked him to blackmail her then-fiancé, Patrick Bryant, by threatening to publicly release explicit photographs allegedly found on Bryant's phone to secure full ownership of jointly held properties in Washington, D.C., and South Carolina's Isle of Palms, describing the request as an illegal act that prompted him to sever professional ties with her;

Whereas Donehue further testified that Representative Mace explicitly claimed to possess evidence that Bryant had sexually assaulted and non-consensually filmed multiple other women, yet Representative Mace knowingly chose to vacation with Bryant on a 2023 Caribbean cruise rather than immediately report these alleged crimes to law enforcement or take any action to protect the identified victims, prioritizing her leisure over the potential sexual exploitation and victimization of other females, conduct that raises grave questions about the credibility, consistency, and moral seriousness of her subsequent public accusations of sexual misconduct against Bryant and others;

Whereas on October 31, 2025, an incident report from the Charleston County Aviation Authority Police Department detailed Representative Mace's profane berating of law enforcement officers and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) agents at Charleston International Airport, including repeated use of derogatory language such as calling officers "fucking incompetent" and demanding

preferential treatment as a “fucking U.S. representative,” behavior that shocked witnesses and prompted TSA supervisors to file internal reports;

Whereas James A. Woods, Charleston Regional Aviation Authority Chief of Police, stated in a November 12 investigation report that Mace is responsible for turning a “minor miscommunication” into “a spectacle” through “continued failure to follow established procedures at the checkpoint”, highlighting her routine and flagrant disregard for airport procedures, entitlement, and mistreatment of staff attempting to accommodate her requests that leave law enforcement and airport employees “visibly upset”, “frustrated”, and “downtrodden”;

Whereas Representative Mace gained admission to The Citadel Military College of South Carolina in 1996 through direct nepotism—her father, J. Emory Mace, was the school’s commandant of cadets from 1997 to 2005 during her enrollment—yet upon graduation in 1999 she refused to accept a commission in the United States Armed Forces, declining to serve the country she now routinely lectures on military readiness and veteran issues, thereby disqualifying herself from any moral standing to criticize or belittle the sacrifices of those who truly serve in uniform;

Whereas in October 2021, Representative Mace publicly claimed she was the victim of vandalism when the words “racist” and “transphobe” were spray-painted on her South Carolina home, only for subsequent police reports and neighbor testimony to reveal that Representative Mace herself was the only individual captured on security footage holding a can of spray paint near the property at the time of the incident, leading law enforcement and

multiple former staffers to conclude the act was staged for political sympathy and media attention;

Whereas Representative Mace has repeatedly abused Capitol Police resources for personal vendettas and political theater, including in December 2023 when her incoming chief of staff, Lorie Khatod, summoned officers to her office to confront and intimidate her recently fired chief of staff, Dan Hanlon—over trivial disputes such as the removal of a popcorn machine—creating a “Be on the Lookout” alert across Capitol grounds that left staff feeling unsafe and terrorized; and in December 2024, when Representative Mace prompted the arrest of foster youth advocate James McIntyre on assault charges for what eyewitnesses described as a standard handshake during a child welfare event, after which she staged a public spectacle by appearing in Congress wearing a wrist brace and arm sling to exaggerate minor or nonexistent injuries, tying the incident to her anti-transgender advocacy and eroding trust in law enforcement while diverting resources from genuine threats;

Whereas in 2023–2024, Representative Mace misused her Members’ Representational Allowance (MRA)—a taxpayer-funded resource strictly limited to official duties under House Rule XXIII—by seeking over \$23,000 in reimbursements for lodging on her co-owned \$1.6 million Washington, D.C., townhouse, including prohibited mortgage payments and inflated claims exceeding actual expenses by \$8,900–\$12,000, as detailed in a June 2024 ethics complaint filed by a constituent and under review by the House Ethics Committee, with former staff confirming she directed them to maximize daily reimbursements regardless of legitimacy, effectively treating the

MRA as a personal piggy bank for self-enrichment at taxpayer expense;

Whereas on October 4, 2023, during an official Fox Business interview conducted in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda regarding her vote to oust then-Speaker Kevin McCarthy, Representative Mace brazenly solicited campaign donations from viewers by directing them to her campaign website—repeating the request three times on air and sharing the clip on social media with renewed donation pleas—in flagrant violation of federal law (18 U.S.C. § 603) and House Rule XXIII, which prohibit the solicitation of contributions in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties, prompting an ethics complaint from the watchdog group Campaign for Accountability to the Office of Congressional Ethics, though no sanctions were imposed despite Representative Mace’s admission that the act broke House rules;

Whereas Representative Mace has repeatedly flouted South Carolina’s ethics laws by failing to file required campaign finance disclosures for her lingering State House account from 2020 to 2022, amassing approximately \$17,000 in fines from the South Carolina House Ethics Committee—making her one of the State’s largest ethics debtors—before the committee unanimously reduced the penalty to \$1,200 in December 2023 at her request, citing inability to pay, yet as of November 19, 2025, the reduced fine remains unpaid and outstanding despite Representative Mace’s unsubstantiated claims of mailing a check in June 2024, demonstrating a persistent pattern of evasion and disregard for public accountability;

Whereas multiple former congressional staffers, speaking both on and off the record in 2024–2025, have described

Representative Mace’s office as one of the most toxic workplaces on Capitol Hill, with documented instances of screaming at employees, public humiliation, erratic firings and rehires, demands for 24/7 availability, and retaliation against staff who raised concerns about ethics or legality—resulting in near-total turnover of her senior staff multiple times in a single Congress and repeated referrals to the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights for hostile-work-environment complaints;

Whereas Donehue testified in the same deposition that Representative Mace routinely directed her congressional staff to create and operate anonymous “burner accounts” on X (formerly Twitter) and other platforms to monitor criticism, program bots for artificial promotion, and post false or misleading defenses of her image, misusing official resources and taxpayer-funded time for personal gain in violation of House Rule XXIII on ethical conduct and the Hatch Act;

Whereas such conduct, whether fully adjudicated or not, reflects a pattern of ethical lapses, abuse of public trust, workplace toxicity, staged incidents for political gain, and disorderly behavior that undermines the dignity of the House of Representatives and erodes confidence in its Members, particularly as Representative Mace campaigns for Governor of South Carolina in 2026;

Whereas such conduct, beginning before Representative Mace was first elected to Congress, spans both her official and unofficial duties, as well as her personal and professional life, demonstrates a clear pattern of ethical lapses, campaign finance violations, abuse of public trust, workplace toxicity, staged incidents for political gain, entitlement unbecoming of a Representative of her constituents, ag-

gression against members of law enforcement and South Carolinians she claims to serve, and disorderly behavior that undermines the dignity of the House of Representatives and erodes confidence in its Members, particularly as Representative Mace campaigns for Governor of South Carolina in 2026; and

Whereas the House has a solemn duty under Article I, Section 5 of the Constitution to punish its Members for disorderly behavior and enforce standards of decorum: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That pursuant to Article I, Section 5,
2 Clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States, Rep-
3 resentative Nancy Mace, be, and she hereby is, expelled
4 from the United States House of Representatives.

