

ARTICLE VI: BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION

The Constitution provides that the House of Representatives "shall have the sole Power of Impeachment" and that the President "shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors". Further, Section 9 of Article I of the Constitution states that "no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any . . . foreign State". In his conduct of the office of President of the United States—and in violation of his constitutional oath to faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed—Donald John Trump has abused the powers of the Presidency in a manner offensive to, and subversive of, the Constitution, in that:

Donald John Trump has engaged in a pattern of unlawful corruption for the personal profit of himself and his associates, soliciting and accepting bribes in exchange for official actions, policy influence, and favorable treatment from the Administration. In so doing, he has, beyond a reasonable doubt, profited from public office on a scale unprecedented in American history.

Donald John Trump has engaged in fraudulent con artist schemes through "pump and dump" or "rug pull" tactics for cryptocurrency tokens he has created, and at the same time, enabled a direct conduit for bribes paid to him in exchange for official actions.

Donald John Trump has also leveraged the threat of hostile government action and the corresponding offer of preferential treatment in order to extract large payments in the form of settlements for meritless and vexatious litigation he pursues in his personal capacity, thereby corrupting both the executive branch and the judiciary. To advance this end, Donald John Trump solicited and received \$940,000,000 in pro bono services from prominent law firms to help causes he personally supports.

Donald John Trump has refused to divest himself or take any steps to prevent conflicts of interest in his substantial personal business ventures, creating another conduit for the payment of bribes.

Donald John Trump has permitted and encouraged his subordinates to violate laws regarding ethics, disclosures, and self-dealing, and through these actions, he has enabled and encouraged corruption and graft by his relatives, associates, and political allies.

Donald John Trump has, in these ways and others, solicited payments from foreign governments for corrupt purposes and in flagrant violation of the Constitution's prohibition on foreign emoluments.

Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct, has demonstrated that

he is unfit to govern a Nation by and for the people, has acted in a manner grossly incompatible with self-governance and the rule of law, and will remain a threat to the Constitution if allowed to remain in office.

ARTICLE VII: TYRANNY

The Constitution provides that the House of Representatives "shall have the sole Power of Impeachment" and that the President "shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors". Further, the system of checks and balances, as well as the separation of powers, as defined in the Constitution, work to ensure that the Office of the President does not become tyrannical. In his conduct of the office of President of the United States—and in violation of his constitutional oath to faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed—Donald John Trump has abused the powers of the Presidency in a manner offensive to, and subversive of, the Constitution, in that:

He has, by his actions and statements, sought to establish himself as tyrant, dictator, and autocrat over the People of the United States, usurping unto himself the constitutional powers of Congress, the courts, and the States, and powers illegitimate and beyond the scope of lawful government altogether.

He has claimed for himself absolute and arbitrary power, the ability to suspend laws at whim, and utterly disregarded and betrayed his oath to faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.

He has denied and violated the right of the People of the United States to freedom of speech, and of assembly, and to petition the government for redress of grievances.

He has denied and violated the right of the People of the United States to due process of law and equal protection under the laws, to fair and impartial independent courts, and to legal counsel.

He has sought to intimidate and coerce, by means including the threat of unlawful prosecutions and by encouraging violence and threats of violence, the Representatives and Senators in Congress.

He has denied and violated the separation of powers and the Constitution's system of checks and balances, arrogating unto himself the legislative and judicial powers, including the power of Congress to levy taxes, appropriate public funds, direct the organization of officers and agencies of the executive branch, and to make laws.

He has sought to intimidate, coerce, and extort the officers of the several States, including those elected by the People thereof, and thereby sought to commandeer the several States, in violation of their sovereignty and the system of federalism established by the Constitution of the United States.

He has sought to abrogate the citizenship clause of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, by means including the issuance of an executive order that directs executive departments and agencies to withhold citizenship from certain classes of persons who are born within the United States.

He has repeatedly threatened and suggested that he intends to violate the Presidential term limits established by the 22d Amendment to the Constitution, and adopted overtly monarchical aspirations and affectations, including by invoking and endorsing theories that he is above the law or that his personal will constitutes the law.

In all of this, Donald John Trump has willfully disregarded Federal laws and the Constitution, imperiled a coequal branch of Government, and threatened the integrity of the democratic system. He thereby betrayed his trust as President, abused the powers of the Presidency, acted in a manner grossly incompatible with self-governance and the rule of law, and has committed High Crimes and Misdemeanors in attempting to establish himself as a lawless tyrant to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.

Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct, has demonstrated that he is unfit to govern a Nation by and for the people, has acted in a manner grossly incompatible with self-governance and the rule of law, and will remain a threat to the Constitution if allowed to remain in office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois). Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Michigan will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

RECOGNIZING STATE COLLEGE KIWANIS CLUB

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the State College Kiwanis Club for reaching a remarkable milestone, 100 years of service to children and families in our community.

Since 1925, the club has lived out Kiwanis International's mission of improving the world one child and one community at a time.

Children are our future, and too many face challenges they cannot overcome alone. It is our responsibility as a community to step in, and the State College Kiwanis has done just that.

Through initiatives like its annual blueberry sale, the club provides over \$30,000 in scholarships and grants each year. Over the past century, they have raised more than \$1 million to support organizations such as Centre Volunteers in Medicine, the Tides Program, the Jana Marie Foundation, and Centre Safe.

Their impact goes far beyond fundraising. Whether promoting literacy, supporting youth mental health, or investing in dental care, their work ensures our children have the chance to thrive.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the State College Kiwanis Club for a century of service and wish them continued success for the next 100 years.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO GOVERNING BOARD OF THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL CONDUCT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CLINE). The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4(d) of House Resolution 5, 119th Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following individuals to serve as the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Conduct:

Nominated by the Speaker after consultation with the minority leader:

Ms. Karen L. Haas, Maryland, Chair

Mr. Leon A. Westmoreland, Georgia

Nominated by the minority leader after consultation with the Speaker:

Mr. William P. Luther, Minnesota, Co-chair

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Texas

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2302, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council:

Mr. SCHNEIDER, Illinois

Ms. FRANKEL, Florida

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2004(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation:

Mr. AMO, Rhode Island

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's ap-

pointment, pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, 22 U.S.C. 7002, as amended, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following individual on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2026:

Mr. Joshua Hodges, Batavia, Illinois

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

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CALLING UPON LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE RESOURCES AND AID GOLD SHIELD FAMILIES IN THEIR TIME OF NEED

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 364) calling upon local communities to support organizations that provide resources and aid Gold Shield Families in their time of need.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 364

Whereas brave men and women across the United States serve as first responders, courageously risking their lives to protect United States communities;

Whereas the families of these valiant first responders exhibit unparalleled strength, resilience, and sacrifice, supporting their loved ones in their noble service to the Nation;

Whereas the loss of a first responder in the line of duty is a profound tragedy that leaves an enduring impact on their families, necessitating unwavering support;

Whereas Gold Shield Families, families of fallen police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, correction officers, emergency dispatch officers, and emergency service providers who have tragically lost their lives in the line of duty protecting and serving their communities, endure hardships and challenges while upholding the legacy of their fallen heroes; and

Whereas nonprofits throughout the United States provide resources and support Gold Shield Families as an expression of the Nation's enduring gratitude and appreciation for their tremendous contributions and sacrifices: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) local communities throughout the United States support nonprofits that provide resources and aid Gold Shield Families during their time of hardship and grief; and

(2) Gold Shield Families utilize these resources as they process their immeasurable sacrifice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from

Missouri (Mr. ONDER) and the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Ms. POU) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material into the RECORD on H. Res. 364.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 364 calls on local communities to support organizations that provide resources and aid to Gold Shield families in their time of need. This is a commonsense resolution that recognizes the families of fallen servants of public safety as revered Gold Shield families.

These Gold Shield families deserve support from their communities in their time of need. This resolution honors the ultimate sacrifice that their loved ones made in the line of duty.

I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER) for his leadership on this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of the resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. POU. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 364, which calls on local communities to support organizations that provide resources and assistance to the Gold Shield families.

Gold Shield families suffer tremendous, heartbreaking loss when their loved ones—police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and corrections officers—are killed while serving their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I support H. Res. 364 because Gold Shield families deserve recognition and need assistance. I am speaking of families such as those of Captain Basil Pizzuto of Saddle Brook and Sergeant Robert Miller of Clifton, both from the State of New Jersey.

Yet, I must also highlight that the Department of Justice recently terminated 365 competitive grants totaling \$811 million. This is funding that Congress provided to the Justice Department to help prosecutors, police, and sheriffs' departments protect and enhance public safety.

While the Trump administration and my friends across the aisle call for law and order and public safety, the Department of Justice is terminating funding for congressionally authorized grant programs that keep our communities safe.

Mr. Speaker, I support the resolution before us today. I also urge my colleagues to express their opposition to the elimination of congressionally authorized public safety grant programs at the Department of Justice.