

# HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION 1

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By: **The Speaker**

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1 A House Simple Resolution concerning

2 **In Re: Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti**  
3 **Resolution of Censure**

4 FOR the purpose of ordering the censure of Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti by the House of  
5 Delegates of Maryland, pursuant to Article III, Section 19 of the Maryland  
6 Constitution.

7 WHEREAS, Maryland is among the most diverse states in the nation, where African  
8 Americans make up nearly 30% of our State's population; and

9 WHEREAS, 57 African American legislators serve in the Maryland General  
10 Assembly – the most in our State's history; and

11 WHEREAS, Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti, while serving as an elected representative  
12 in the 439th Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, has publicly admitted to using  
13 a hateful and derogatory racial slur while describing a predominantly African American  
14 legislative district in Prince George's County; and

15 WHEREAS, This racist and hurtful term has no place in anyone's vocabulary,  
16 particularly an elected representative of the State of Maryland serving on behalf of all of  
17 our constituents; and

18 WHEREAS, The Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, Inc. has noted that this  
19 blatant act of racism has "blanketed a time where we should be recognizing achievements  
20 in the African American community" by commemorating the month of February as Black  
21 History Month; and

22 WHEREAS, Nearly 55 years after the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act of  
23 1964, swastikas, nooses, and other symbols of hate continue to appear in our  
24 neighborhoods, public schools, and college campuses; and

25 WHEREAS, The Speaker of the House of Delegates has removed Delegate Lisanti  
26 from her chairmanships of the Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight



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1 and the Unemployment Insurance Subcommittee and is requiring Delegate Lisanti to  
2 attend sensitivity training; and

3 WHEREAS, Residents of the State have called for Delegate Lisanti to be removed  
4 from her leadership positions and publicly censured on the floor of the House of Delegates  
5 of Maryland; and

6 WHEREAS, This conduct has brought dishonor to the entire General Assembly of  
7 Maryland; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, That Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti  
9 be censured by the House of Delegates of Maryland, pursuant to Article III, Section 19 of  
10 the Maryland Constitution.