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1 A House Simple Resolution concerning

2 **Resolution to Expel Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat From the House of**
3 **Delegates of Maryland**

4 FOR the purpose of ordering the expulsion of Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat by the
5 House of Delegates of Maryland pursuant to Article III, § 19 of the Maryland
6 Constitution.

7 WHEREAS, Article III, § 19 of the Maryland Constitution provides that “Each House
8 shall be judge of the qualifications and elections of its members, as prescribed by the
9 Constitution and Laws of the State, and shall appoint its own officers, determine the rules
10 of its own proceedings, punish a member for disorderly or disrespectful behavior and with
11 the consent of two-thirds of its whole number of members elected, expel a member; but no
12 member shall be expelled a second time for the same offence”; and

13 WHEREAS, Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat has not attended a House Judiciary
14 Committee or a subcommittee meeting since February 24, 2026; and

15 WHEREAS, Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat has failed to vote on a single bill in
16 the House Judiciary Committee since February 24, 2026; and

17 WHEREAS, Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat sent a formal letter attempting to
18 resign his duties as a member of the House Judiciary Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat stated on the record to the online
20 news site Maryland Matters that his priority is his personal business; and

21 WHEREAS, In a citizen legislature it is vital that all members participate to the best
22 of their ability; and



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1 WHEREAS, Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat is financially benefitting from his
2 absence at State taxpayer expense; and

3 WHEREAS, The Senate and House members of District 5, Delegate Christopher Eric
4 Bouchat's district, have formally asked him to resign; and

5 WHEREAS, The people of Carroll County and Frederick County deserve to have full
6 and robust representation by those who make every effort to be present in Annapolis for
7 the constitutionally required 90-day legislative session; and

8 WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Maryland should have the opportunity to
9 appoint a qualified replacement on behalf of the people of District 5 in Carroll County and
10 Frederick County; and

11 WHEREAS, The people of the State of Maryland should not be paying the salary of
12 an individual who refuses to participate in the public legislative process; now, therefore, be
13 it

14 RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, That the House of Delegates of
15 Maryland expel Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat for his willful and wanton absence from
16 the duties that the people of Carroll County and Frederick County elected him to perform;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat be expelled from the
19 Maryland House of Delegates pursuant to Article III, § 19 of the Maryland Constitution;
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
22 Legislative Services to the Governor of Maryland and the Speaker of the House of
23 Delegates.