

Resolution No. 2023-01

CENSURE OF CERTAIN REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

At a Regular Meeting of the Berks County Republican Committee held on January 14, 2023, at Muhlenberg Township within Legislative District 126.

WHEREAS we, the party officers of the Berks County Republican Committee, sitting as a committee of the whole, find the following:

(1) On January 3, 2023, where the elected Republican members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives constituted a majority of such body, the following Republicans voted to elect a Democrat member, Mark Rozzi of District 126, to be Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives:

Representative Bryan Cutler, District 100, Republican Leader.

Representative Sheryl Delozier, District 88, Republican Caucus Administrator.

Representative George Dunbar, District 56, Republican Caucus Chair.

Representative Jim Gregory, District 80.

Representative Seth M. Grove, District 196, Republican Appropriations Committee Chair.

Representative Doyle Heffley, District 122.

Representative Joe Hogan, District 142.

Representative Joshua D. Kail, District 15, Republican Policy Chair.

Representative Andrew Kuzma, District 39.

Representative Kristin Marcell, District 178.

Representative Thomas L. Mehaffie, III, District 106.

Representative Timothy J. O'Neal, District 48, Republican Whip.

Representative Donna Oberlander, District 63.

Representative Stephenie Scialabba, District 12.

Representative Kathleen C. Tomlinson, District 18.

Representative Martina A. White, District 170, Republican Caucus Secretary.

(2) We regard it as a gamesmanship that Mark Rozzi was asked to change his voter registration to an independent. He is, in principle, a Democrat.

(3) Such vote is a betrayal of the Republican voters of Pennsylvania, who certainly did not elect their representatives with an expectation of installing Democrat leadership in such body.

- (4) At the time Representative Rozzi was elected as Speaker, Republican members constituted a majority of the House of Representatives and could have elected a Republican Speaker to facilitate the passage of legislation and constitutional amendments by the Republican House majority, thereby advancing the interests of Pennsylvania Republican voters and, indeed, of all Pennsylvanians.
- (5) The election of Representative Rozzi as Speaker has caused a recess of proceedings in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. That has made it impossible to pass any legislation or proposed constitutional amendments to advance and defend the interests and desires of Pennsylvania Republican voters and, indeed, of all Pennsylvanians.
- (6) Such vote has caused confusion on the part of Pennsylvania voters as to what, if anything, the Pennsylvania Republican Party stands for and whether elected Republican officials can be trusted to represent the interests of those who elected them.
- (7) Such vote, as well as subsequent events that are a consequence, has caused the aforementioned Republican members to appear foolish and ineffective. Representative Jim Gregory, for instance, has now called on Representative Rozzi to resign as Speaker after having voted for him.
- (8) Such foolish and feckless action by the aforementioned Republican members — many of whom hold leadership positions — is likely to negatively affect the general reputation of Pennsylvania Republicans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: In consideration of their foolish and disloyal action by electing Representative Rozzi as Speaker, the following Republican members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives are censured effective immediately:

- Representative Bryan Cutler, District 100, Republican Leader.
- Representative Sheryl Delozier, District 88, Republican Caucus Administrator.
- Representative George Dunbar, District 56, Republican Caucus Chair.
- Representative Jim Gregory, District 80.
- Representative Seth M. Grove, District 196, Republican Appropriations Committee Chair.
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Attest:

/s/ Clay D. Breece
Clay D. Breece, Chairman
Berks County Republican Committee