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Champagne, Rick

From: Mikalsen, Mike
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 1:23 PM
To: Champagne, Rick
Subject: Rep. Wood's Expulsion Resolution

Attachments: Wood Expulsion Resolution Text Draft October 5, 2009.doc

Rick:

Rep. Nass has approved the attached whereas clauses for the Wood Expulsion Resolution that he would like drafted. If you have any questions, please contact me.



Wood Expulsion
Resolution Text...

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Whereas, the Wisconsin Constitution, under Article IV - Section 8, envisions the need of each house of the Legislature to address "contempt and disorderly behavior" of its membership by authorizing a process for expelling a member; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin State Assembly has adopted Assembly Rule 21, providing three options including expulsion for punishing members that have conducted themselves in a manner not conforming to reasonable standards of ethics or moral behavior; and

Whereas, Jeffrey Wood, currently serves as the Representative to the Assembly from the 67th Assembly District for the term of the 2009-2010 Legislative Session; and

Whereas, on September 23, 2009, Representative Jeffrey Wood was arrested on the suspicion of driving under the influence in Marathon County which could result in his fourth offense under Wisconsin law; and

Whereas, Representative Wood's dangerous conduct on September 23, 2009 was reported by a citizen driving in Marathon County that witnessed his erratic driving; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin State Patrol reports finding a bottle of prescription medication, Lorazepam, with only seven of the 45 pills remaining in a prescription issued on September 22, 2009 and a partially consumed bottle of cough syrup; and

Whereas, Representative Wood told a State Patrol Trooper that he had taken double the prescribed dosage of Lorazepam and two doses of cough syrup on September 23, 2009; and

Whereas, on December 12, 2008, Representative Jeffrey Wood was arrested for driving under the influence, possession of 4.9 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia in Columbia County which could result in his third offense under Wisconsin law; and

Whereas, Representative Wood's dangerous conduct on December 12, 2008 was reported by citizens that witnessed his erratic driving that included smashing through a highway sign and he was found by a Wisconsin State Patrol Trooper urinating alongside of the highway; and

Whereas, Representative Wood fully admitted his conduct of December 12, 2008 during a radio interview; and

Whereas, on February 4, 2009, Representative Wood was ordered to maintain absolute sobriety as a condition of his bond for the December 12, 2008 arrest; and

Whereas, Representative Wood had two previous convictions for drunk driving in 1990 and 1991; and

Whereas, Representative Wood has been involved in three other instances of disorderly behavior, as a result of his use of drugs and alcohol, the most serious occurring in 1989 when he was accused of having sex with an underage minor that he met at a party, he eventually plead guilty to a lesser misdemeanor and served one year on probation; and

Whereas, after his arrest on September 23, 2009, Representative Wood issued a statement saying that he has had a lifelong battle with abusing alcohol and drugs; and

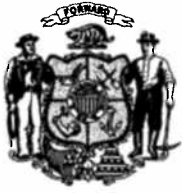
Whereas, the people of Wisconsin have petitioned their elected state officials to aggressively respond to the ongoing carnage of death and destruction wrought by repeat drunk and drugged drivers; and

Whereas, on September 17, 2009, the State Assembly passed 2009 Assembly Bill 283 by a vote of 95-0, which makes numerous changes to toughen Wisconsin law on drunk and drugged driving including making certain fourth offenses a felony; and

Whereas, Representative Wood voted "aye" on passage of 2009 Assembly Bill 283; and

Whereas, repeated disorderly behavior by Representative Jeffrey Wood, both before and during public service, has brought disrepute on the Wisconsin State Assembly and severely damaged the institution's integrity with the public; and

Whereas, continued service by Representative Jeffrey Wood is no longer compatible with his Oath of Office and the reasonable social norms of expected behavior for a member of the Assembly, as he continues to deal with his personal conduct issues that frequently lead to dangerous behaviors that jeopardize his life and the life of innocent citizens;



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2009 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to:** the expulsion of Jeffrey Wood, a representative from the 67th assembly
2 district, from membership in the Wisconsin ^{state} assembly.

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4 need of each house of the legislature to address "contempt and disorderly behavior"
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6 Whereas, the Wisconsin state assembly has adopted assembly rule 21,
7 providing three options including expulsion for punishing members that have
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10 Whereas, Jeffrey Wood currently serves as the representative to the assembly
11 from the 67th assembly district for the term of the 2009-2010 legislative session; and

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13 suspicion of driving under the influence in Marathon County, which could result in
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20 with his oath of office and the reasonable social norms of expected behavior for a
21 member of the assembly, as he continues to deal with his personal conduct issues that
22 frequently lead to dangerous behaviors that jeopardize his life and the life of innocent
23 citizens; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the assembly, That Representative Jeffrey Wood is hereby

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expelled from membership in the Wisconsin ^{state} assembly.

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(END)

Barman, Mike

From: Rep.Nass
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 9:18 AM
To: LRB.Legal
Subject: Draft Review: LRB 09-3623/1 Topic: Representative Wood Expulsion Resolution

Please Jacket LRB 09-3623/1 for the ASSEMBLY.