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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 6,  
TO 2009 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 14**

April 20, 2010 – Offered by Representative HUBLER.

1     **Relating to:** the censure of Jeffrey Wood, a representative from the 67th Assembly  
2             District, in accordance with article IV, section 8, of the Wisconsin Constitution  
3             and Assembly Rule 21.

4             ***Resolved by the assembly, That:***

5             Whereas, article IV, section 8, of the Wisconsin Constitution provides that each  
6             house may punish for contempt and disorderly behavior, and with the concurrence  
7             of two-thirds of all the members elected, expel a member; and

8             Whereas, Assembly Rule 43 (3) provides that any resolution to reprimand,  
9             censure, or expel a member of the assembly shall identify the charges against the  
10            member cited and shall be referred to the committee on ethics and standards of  
11            conduct for review; and

12            Whereas, the Wisconsin state assembly has adopted Assembly Rule 21,  
13            providing for the appointment of a special committee on ethics and standards of

1 conduct to consider any resolution to reprimand, censure, or expel a member of the  
2 assembly for the purpose of holding one or more public hearings on the resolution and  
3 to make a recommendation for action on the resolution; and

4       Whereas, under Assembly Rule 21 (2), a duty of the special committee is to  
5 ascertain the facts of the controversy, which are summarized below; and

6       Whereas, Jeffrey Wood currently serves as the representative to the assembly  
7 from the 67th Assembly District for the term of the 2009–2010 legislative session;  
8 and

9       Whereas, on December 12, 2008, Representative Wood was arrested for  
10 operating while intoxicated in Columbia County, which could result in his third,  
11 fourth, or fifth offense under Wisconsin law; and

12       Whereas, law enforcement and eye witness accounts regarding Representative  
13 Wood's driving on December 12, 2008, indicate that his driving was erratic and  
14 dangerous; and

15       Whereas, Representative Wood was charged with operating a motor vehicle  
16 while under the influence of an intoxicant (third offense), operating a motor vehicle  
17 with a prohibited alcohol concentration (PAC) (third offense), possession of  
18 tetrahydrocannabinols (THC), and possession of drug paraphernalia as a result of  
19 his arrest on December 12, 2008; and

20       Whereas, as a condition of release relating to the case resulting from his  
21 December 12, 2008, arrest, Representative Wood was ordered by the court to  
22 maintain absolute sobriety at all times; and

23       Whereas, on December 1, 2009, a motion to suppress evidence of THC and drug  
24 paraphernalia from Representative Wood's December 12, 2008, arrest was denied by  
25 the circuit court; and

1           Whereas, on April 19, 2010, Representative Wood plead no contest to, and the  
2           court found Representative Wood guilty of, operating a motor vehicle while under the  
3           influence of an intoxicant (third offense) and possession of drug paraphernalia; the  
4           court dismissed the charges of operating a motor vehicle with a PAC (third offense)  
5           and of possession of THC; and Representative Wood was sentenced to 45 days in jail  
6           and fined more than \$1,600; and

7           Whereas, on September 23, 2009, Representative Wood was arrested for  
8           operating while under the influence in Marathon County, which could result in his  
9           fourth or fifth offense under Wisconsin law; and

10          Whereas, law enforcement and eye witness accounts regarding Representative  
11          Wood's driving on September 23, 2009, indicate that his driving was erratic and  
12          dangerous; and

13          Whereas, Representative Wood was charged with operating while under the  
14          influence of a controlled substance and inattentive driving as a result of his arrest  
15          on September 23, 2009; and

16          Whereas, as a condition of release relating to the case resulting from his  
17          September 23, 2009, arrest, Representative Wood was ordered by the court to take  
18          no controlled substances without a prescription and, if prescribed, to take controlled  
19          substances only in doses as prescribed; and

20          Whereas, on October 21, 2009, Representative Wood was arrested for operating  
21          a motor vehicle while impaired in Monroe County, which could result in his fourth  
22          or fifth offense under Wisconsin law; and

23          Whereas, law enforcement and eye witness accounts regarding Representative  
24          Wood's driving on October 21, 2009, indicate that his driving was erratic and  
25          dangerous; and

1           Whereas, Representative Wood was charged with operating while under the  
2 influence of an intoxicant or other drug and misdemeanor bail jumping as a result  
3 of his arrest on October 21, 2009; and

4           Whereas, based on the facts of this controversy, the special committee on ethics  
5 and standards of conduct makes the following charges against Representative Wood:

6           First, the conduct cited above by Representative Wood since his election to the  
7 assembly for the 2009–2010 legislative term jeopardized his life and the lives of  
8 innocent citizens, does not reflect the norms of behavior expected of a member of the  
9 assembly and, therefore, has brought disrepute on the Wisconsin state assembly by  
10 damaging the institution's integrity with the public; and

11           Second, while it is recognized that addiction is a serious health problem, any  
12 attempts by Representative Wood to deal with his addiction were not successful in  
13 preventing the dangerous incidents cited in this resolution; and

14           Whereas, the special committee, following a public hearing on this resolution,  
15 is directed by Assembly Rule 21 (5) to make a recommendation for action on the  
16 resolution; now, therefore, be it

17           ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** Representative Jeffrey Wood is hereby  
18 censured by the Wisconsin state assembly, in accordance with article IV, section 8,  
19 of the Wisconsin Constitution and Assembly Rule 21.

20                                   **(END)**