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H. Res. \_\_\_\_\_

*In the House of Representatives, U.S.,*

*August \_\_, 2025*

Whereas Representative Delia Ramirez, is a duly elected Member of the United States House of Representatives for the Illinois Third Congressional District;

Whereas, Representative Delia Ramirez, on August 1, 2025 declared in Spanish, at a Panamerican Conference in Mexico, “I’m a proud Guatemalan before I’m an American.” Louis Casiano, *House Dem Declares She Is a “proud Guatemalan” before American at Progressive International Conference*, FOX NEWS (Aug. 4, 2025), [https://www.foxnews.com/politics/house-dem-declares-she-proud-guatemalan-american-progressive-international-conference.](https://www.foxnews.com/politics/house-dem-declares-she-proud-guatemalan-american-progressive-international-conference;);

Whereas “Over 72% of all the migrants apprehended at the Southwest border through August of Fiscal Year 2019 were from the countries of the northern region of Central America, El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala.” U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec., *Fact Sheet: DHS Agreements with Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador* (2025).

Whereas Guatemala’s “endemic corruption continues to limit Guatemala’s ability to curb narcotics flows and associated transnational organized crime” and disproportionately contributes to transnational criminal organization’s destruction of Americans through the illicit drug trade. U.S. Dep’t of State, *2025 Int’l Narcotics Control Strategy Rep.*, Vol. I, at 206 (2025);

Whereas Representative Delia Ramirez took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, to include: “I, . . . do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I

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take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.”;

Whereas the importance of the oath is such a fundamental and necessary condition for holding federal office that Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story commented that “all those, who are entrusted with the execution of the powers of the national government, should be bound by some solemn obligation to the due execution of the trusts reposed in them, and to support the constitution, would seem to be a proposition too clear to render any reasoning necessary in support of it. It results from the plain right of society to require some guaranty from every officer, that he will be conscientious in the discharge of his duty.”<sup>3</sup> Joseph Story, COMMENTARIES ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES § 1839, at 865 (1833).

Whereas the Founding Fathers argued “One of the weak sides of republics, among their numerous advantages, is that they afford too easy an inlet to foreign corruption. . . . In republics, persons elevated from the mass of the community, by the suffrages of their fellow-citizens, to stations of great pre-eminence and power, may find compensations for betraying their trust, which, to any but minds animated and guided by superior virtue, may appear to exceed the proportion of interest they have in the *common stock*, and to overbalance the obligations of duty.” The Federalist No. 22, at 146 (Alexander Hamilton) (Clinton Rossiter ed., 1961) (emphasis added).

Whereas the Founding Fathers understood the dangers of foreign corruption of elected representatives to cajole factional interests, and stated, “By a faction, I understand a number of citizens, whether amounting to a majority or a minority of the whole, who are united and actuated by some common impulse of passion, or of interest, adversed to the rights of other citizens, or to the permanent and aggregate interests of the community... The inference to which we are brought is,

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that the causes of faction cannot be removed, and that relief is only to be sought in the means of controlling its effects.” The Federalist No. 10, at 78–79 (James Madison) (Clinton Rossiter ed., 1961);

Whereas Article I, Section 5, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution grants each House of Congress the authority to “punish its Members for disorderly Behaviour, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member”;

Whereas the Fourteenth Amendment, Section 3 of the United States Constitution provides that “No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress . . . who, having previously taken an oath . . . to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof”;

Whereas Representative Delia Ramirez’s public statement of dual loyalty to Guatemala over her loyalty to the United States is alleged to constitute an act of disloyalty to the United States;

Whereas Representative Delia Ramirez’s public statements are alleged to violate the oath to support the Constitution and are claimed to amount to giving aid or comfort to enemies of the United States, thereby constituting disloyal conduct under the Fourteenth Amendment, Section 3;

Whereas such alleged conduct is asserted to disqualify Representative Delia Ramirez from holding office as a Member of the United States House of Representatives;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that:

1. Pursuant to Article I, Section 5, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution, Representative Delia Ramirez, representing the 3rd Congressional District of Illinois, is hereby expelled from the United

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States House of Representatives, effective immediately upon the adoption of this resolution.

2. The seat held by Representative Delia Ramirez is declared vacant, and the appropriate authorities shall be notified to take necessary actions to fill the vacancy in accordance with applicable law.