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Providing for the expulsion of Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick
from the United States House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Mr. STEUBE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Ethics

RESOLUTION

Providing for the expulsion of Representative Sheila
Cherfilus-McCormick from the United States House of
Representatives.

Whereas Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick rep-
resents Florida's 20th Congressional District in the
United States House of Representatives;

Whereas, on November 19, 2025, the Department of Justice
announced that a Federal grand jury in the Southern
District of Florida returned an indictment charging Rep-
resentative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick with multiple fel-
ony offenses arising from the alleged theft of \$5,000,000
in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) dis-
aster funds and the laundering and misuse of those funds
to support her 2021 congressional campaign;

Whereas, according to the indictment and public reporting, Trinity Health Care Services, a family-owned health care company led by Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, received a FEMA-funded contract to provide COVID–19 vaccination staffing services in 2021, and in July 2021 received an overpayment of approximately \$5,000,000 in disaster funds from FEMA;

Whereas the indictment alleges that Representative Cherfilus-McCormick and her co-defendants conspired to steal that \$5,000,000 in overpaid FEMA funds by failing to return the money, diverting the proceeds for their own benefit, and concealing the nature and source of the funds through a series of financial transactions designed to launder the money;

Whereas the indictment further alleges that Representative Cherfilus-McCormick used a substantial portion of the stolen disaster funds to finance her congressional campaign, including by—

- (1) making large personal loans to her campaign committee that were funded by the FEMA overpayment; and

- (2) orchestrating illegal straw donor contributions by routing money through other individuals to evade Federal campaign finance limits and reporting requirements;

Whereas these alleged acts constitute serious violations of Federal criminal law, including theft of government funds, wire fraud, money laundering, unlawful campaign contributions, and false tax filings, and would represent a gross abuse of the public trust by misusing taxpayer dollars intended for disaster relief to advance a personal political career;

Whereas Representative Cherfilus-McCormick reportedly faces a potential maximum sentence of fifty-three years in Federal prison if convicted on all counts;

Whereas independent of the criminal charges, the Committee on Ethics of the House has already opened, and in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress re-authorized, an Investigative Subcommittee to review allegations that Representative Cherfilus-McCormick may have violated campaign finance laws and regulations in connection with her 2022 special election and 2022 reelection campaigns; failed to properly disclose required information on financial and other statements filed with the House; and/or accepted voluntary services for official work from an individual not employed in her congressional office;

Whereas FEMA disaster relief funds are appropriated by Congress and administered by the executive branch for the purpose of helping communities recover from emergencies, disasters, and public health crises, and any theft or diversion of such funds for personal or political gain constitutes a direct betrayal of the taxpayers and disaster victims those funds are meant to serve;

Whereas Members of the House of Representatives are required by rule XXIII of the Rules of the House to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that reflects creditably on the House, and the alleged theft and misuse of Federal disaster funds, coupled with a pattern of campaign finance and ethics concerns, falls far short of that standard;

Whereas public confidence in the integrity of Congress is severely undermined when a sitting Member is charged with stealing millions of dollars in disaster relief funds and using those funds to buy electoral advantage, all

while under ongoing House Ethics Committee investigation for related misconduct;

Whereas on the social media platform “X”, or x.com, the official congressional account for Representative Cherfilus-McCormick posted on March 30, 2023, that “no American is above the law”, on June 9, 2023, that “no American is above the law”, on August 15, 2023, that “no American is above the law”, and July 3, 2024, that “no one is above the law”; and

Whereas the pattern of alleged criminal conduct and ethics concerns surrounding Representative Cherfilus-McCormick raises serious questions about her judgment, integrity, and fitness to continue to serve in the House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That pursuant to article I, section 5, clause
2 2 of the Constitution of the United States, Representative
3 Cherfilus-McCormick, be, and she hereby is, expelled from
4 the United States House of Representatives.

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