

“Mr. Chairman, may I make a motion for a resolution?”

A resolution of the North Dakota District 24 Republicans to censure Representative Dwight Kiefert

Whereas, the North Dakota Republican Platform is adopted biennially, and the current platform was voted on in 2020.

Whereas, the North Dakota District 24 Republicans are committed to the North Dakota Republican Platform and that best efforts should be taken to use it as a guideline when representing District 24 constituents.

Whereas, North Dakota District 24 Republicans expect their representatives to display a high quality of character in the legislative floor session, in committee, and in all association to our district.

Whereas, Representative Dwight Kiefert’s voting record, as partially reflected in his American Conservative Union lifetime rating of 55%, and most recently, his participation in the removal of a fellow legislator without due process, goes against established legislative rules, the North Dakota Republican Platform, the constitution of North Dakota, and the constitution of the United States.

Whereas, by voting to expel Representative Luke Simons without following adopted rules of procedure which include a requirement for an investigation to be conducted, Dwight Kiefert’s actions have caused irreparable harm to the voters of District 36, the Republican Party, the fabric of both the North Dakota Constitution and the Constitution of the United States.

Whereas, despite Republican Representatives in the House offering various amendments to change the expulsion to censure, due process for the accused, and an option to follow adopted rules of procedure and investigate the allegations made against Representative Luke Simons, Representative Dwight Kiefert did not support most of these efforts.

Now, therefore, be it resolved: That the North Dakota District 24 Republicans do hereby censure Dwight Kiefert for not abiding by the 2020 North Dakota Republican Platform, the constitution of North Dakota, and the constitution of the United States.

Be it further resolved: That the North Dakota District 24 Republicans respectfully request that Representative Dwight Kiefert resign from his position as representative of District 24 for failing to uphold the adopted legislative rules of procedure, the 2020 North Dakota Republican Platform, the constitution of North Dakota, and the constitution of the United States, for supporting the first ever in the nation expulsion of a fellow legislator without due process, and for failing to exercise the integrity and diligence expected when voting and representing District 24 Republicans.