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H. RES. 642

Prohibiting the use of the Members' Representational Allowance of a Member of the House of Representatives to pay awards, settlements, or other compensation in connection with allegations of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct by the Member or the employees of the Member's office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 1, 2017

Mrs. WALORSKI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION AGAINST USE OF MEMBERS' REP-**
2 **RESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR PAY-**
3 **MENTS IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGATIONS**
4 **OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT OR SEXUAL MIS-**
5 **CONDUCT.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Members' Representa-
8 tional Allowance of a Member of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives may not be used to pay awards, settle-
10 ments, or other compensation in connection with al-
11 legations of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct
12 by the Member or any individual whose compensa-
13 tion is paid from the Allowance.

14 (2) REPAYMENT OF AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY
15 PAID.—If, prior to the adoption of this resolution,
16 the Members' Representational Allowance of a Mem-
17 ber of the House was used to pay an award, settle-
18 ment, or compensation described in paragraph (1),
19 the individual against whom the allegation was made
20 shall repay the Treasury of the United States an
21 amount equal to the amount of such award, settle-
22 ment, or compensation, using personal funds of the
23 individual.

24 (b) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF SETTLEMENTS INVOLV-
25 ING OFFICES OF MEMBERS.—

1 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30 days
2 after the Committee on House Administration ap-
3 proves a settlement entered into under the Congres-
4 sional Accountability Act of 1995 by the office of a
5 Member of the House in connection with a violation
6 of section 201(a) of such Act involving sexual har-
7 assment or sexual misconduct, the Committee shall
8 publish and post on its public website the following
9 information:

10 (A) A description of the violation involved.

11 (B) The identification of the office and the
12 individual committing the violation.

13 (C) The amount of the settlement.

14 (2) PROTECTION OF IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUALS
15 RECEIVING SETTLEMENTS.—In publishing and post-
16 ing the information required under this subsection,
17 the Committee on House Administration shall en-
18 sure that the identity of any individual who received
19 a settlement, or who made an allegation of a viola-
20 tion, is not disclosed.

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