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H. RES. 647

Raising a question of the privileges of the House.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BIGGS submitted the following resolution; which was laid on the table

RESOLUTION

Raising a question of the privileges of the House.

Whereas President Trump released the transcript of a call between him and the President of Ukraine;

Whereas President Trump subsequently released the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019;

Whereas, in a September 26, 2019, hearing on the whistleblower complaint, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff purported to relay the content of the phone call to the American people;

Whereas, instead of quoting directly from the available transcript, Chairman Schiff manufactured a false retelling of the conversation between President Trump and President Zelensky;

Whereas this egregiously false and fabricated retelling had no relationship to the call itself;

Whereas these actions of Chairman Schiff misled the American people, bring disrepute upon the House of Representatives, and make a mockery of the impeachment process, one of this chamber's most solemn constitutional duties;

Whereas, for more than 2 years, Chairman Schiff has spread false accusations that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia;

Whereas, on March 20, 2017, then-Ranking Member Schiff read out false allegations from the Steele dossier accusing numerous Trump associates of colluding with Russia;

Whereas then-Ranking Member Schiff falsely claimed in a March 2017 interview to have "more than circumstantial evidence" of collusion with Russia;

Whereas then-Ranking Member Schiff negotiated with Russian comedians whom he believed to be Ukrainian officials to obtain materials to damage the President of the United States politically;

Whereas, according to a New York Times article on October 2, 2019, Chairman Schiff's committee staff met with the whistleblower prior to the filing of his complaint, and staff members communicated the content of the complaint to Chairman Schiff;

Whereas Chairman Schiff concealed his dealings with the whistleblower from the rest of the Intelligence Committee, and when asked directly in a television interview whether he had any contact with the whistleblower, he lied to the American people and said, "We have not spoken directly with the whistleblower.";

Whereas members of the Intelligence Committee have lost faith in his objectivity and capabilities as Chairman, with

every Republican member on the Committee having signed a letter calling for his immediate resignation as Chairman; and

Whereas Chairman Schiff has hindered the ability of the Intelligence Committee to fulfill its oversight responsibilities of the Intelligence Community, an indispensable pillar of our national security: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the House of Representatives censures and
3 condemns Representative Adam Schiff for conduct
4 that misleads the American people in a way that is
5 not befitting an elected Member of the House of
6 Representatives;

7 (2) Representative Adam Schiff will forthwith
8 present himself in the well of the House for the pro-
9 nouncement of censure; and

10 (3) Representative Adam Schiff will be cen-
11 sured with the public reading of this resolution by
12 the Speaker.

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