

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 663

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House who accepts an offer of free attendance with respect to a charity event to notify the Committee on Ethics if the value of such free attendance exceeds \$1,000, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

Mrs. STEEL (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. BUDD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This resolution may be cited as the “Greater Ac-
3 countability from Lawmakers for Americans Resolution”
4 or the “GALA Resolution”.

5 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN**
6 **OFFERS OF FREE ATTENDANCE TO CHARITY**
7 **EVENTS.**

8 Clause 5(a)(4) of rule XXV of the Rules of the House
9 of Representatives is amended—

10 (1) in subdivision (C), by inserting “for which
11 the value of the free attendance for the event is less
12 than or equal to \$1,000” after “charity event”;

13 (2) by redesignating subdivision (D) as subdivi-
14 sion (E); and

15 (3) by inserting after subdivision (C) the fol-
16 lowing new subdivision:

17 “(D) A Member, Delegate, Resident Com-
18 missioner, officer, or employee of the House
19 may not accept an offer of free attendance for
20 an event described in subdivision (C) in any
21 case in which the value of the free attendance
22 for the event exceeds \$1,000 unless—

23 “(i) attendance at the event is appro-
24 priate to the performance of the official
25 duties or representative function of the

1 Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner,
2 officer, or employee of the House; and

3 “(ii) the Member, Delegate, Resident
4 Commissioner, officer, or employee of the
5 House submits a statement to the Com-
6 mittee on Ethics prior to attending any
7 such event that explains why attendance at
8 the event meets the requirement described
9 in item (i).”

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