**A Resolution to Restore Ethics to Congress**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Congressional Ethics is under attack; and

**WHEREAS**, rules under consideration would strip the office of its ability to investigate members of Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, these rules would also limit the types of behavior which would be considered unethical; and

**WHEREAS**, this office was created in the wake of several ethical scandals in the House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, this office has identified numerous examples of wrongdoing, both criminal and ethical; and

**WHEREAS**, the office is intended to be non-partisan; and

**WHEREAS**, limiting the ability of the ethics office to investigate wrongdoing of members of Congress gives the appearance of a culture absent of ethics; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Office of Congressional Ethics maintain its position as an independent watchdog of ethical standards.