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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. KRISHNAMOORTHY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on December 29th 2021, Ghislaine Maxwell was convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on multiple counts related to the sexual abuse and trafficking of minors, including conspiracy to entice minors to travel to engage in illegal sex acts, conspiracy to transport minors to participate in illegal sex acts, transporting a minor to participate in illegal sex acts, sex trafficking conspiracy, and sex trafficking of a minor.

Whereas, evidence presented at her trial demonstrated that Ghislaine Maxwell actively participated in and facilitated the grooming and abuse of young girls by the now-deceased convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, including by luring children to Epstein's residence;

Whereas, on June 28th 2022, Ghislaine Maxwell was sentenced to 20 years in prison and 5 years of supervised release, and is currently in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons;

Whereas, Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell participated in or facilitated the sexual abuse of hundreds of children;

Whereas, childhood sexual abuse and sex trafficking are heinous crimes that have lifelong physical and mental health implications for survivors;

Whereas, Jeffrey Epstein is deceased, and Ghislaine Maxwell's ongoing imprisonment is thus the only measure of justice available to these victims;

Whereas, there has been significant public speculation regarding the possibility that the President may seek to pardon Ghislaine Maxwell, and when asked about this speculation, he has explicitly affirmed his authority to do so;

Whereas, Article II, Section 2, Clause I of the Constitution provides the President "shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States";

Whereas, the Framers of our Constitution provided the President with such powers so he could address miscarriages of justice; Now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the House of Representatives –

- (1) Condemns child sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and those who participate in or facilitate such criminal acts;
- (2) Stands with the countless victims of Jeffrey Epstein's and Ghislaine Maxwell's crimes in their lifelong struggles for healing and closure;
- (3) Affirms that Ghislaine Maxwell's conviction and sentencing were more than warranted by the facts, and any receipt of a pardon, commutation, or other form of clemency by Ghislaine Maxwell would deny survivors the justice they deserve; and
- (4) Formally opposes the granting of a pardon, commutation, or other form of clemency to Ghislaine Maxwell.