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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 387 Session of  
2019

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INTRODUCED BY KNOWLES, BARRAR, ROAE, METCALFE, SCHEMEL, DUSH,  
GREGORY, KEEFER, KAUFFMAN, HEFFLEY, MILLARD, RAPP, DIAMOND,  
RYAN, COOK, STAATS, SANKEY, JONES AND WHITE, JUNE 7, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 7, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Censuring Representative Brian Sims.

2 WHEREAS, Representative Brian Sims recorded himself on video,  
3 on two separate occasions, verbally attacking individuals who  
4 were peacefully protesting at Planned Parenthood Southeastern  
5 Pennsylvania, located at 1144 Locust Street, Philadelphia; and

6 WHEREAS, In one video, Representative Sims recorded himself  
7 berating, harassing and violating the First Amendment rights of  
8 an individual he labeled an "old, white lady" for peacefully  
9 protesting and praying in public; and

10 WHEREAS, In a second video, Representative Sims again  
11 recorded himself berating and harassing others and went a step  
12 further, calling for the "doxxing" of three female children; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Sims posted these videos on social  
14 media; and

15 WHEREAS, The "doxxing" Representative Sims called for in the  
16 second video refers to an effort by Representative Sims to  
17 solicit strangers on his social media page to provide the

1 personal identifying information, i.e., names and addresses, of  
2 three female children, stating on the video, "I've got \$100 to  
3 anyone who will identify any of these three"; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Sims placed these citizens in  
5 reasonable fear for their own safety merely because they were  
6 exercising their constitutional right to peacefully protest; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Sims also used his elected position  
8 to intimidate these individuals with whom he was interacting,  
9 clearly stating to others on the video that he was a member of  
10 the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; and

11 WHEREAS, Under section 11 of Article II of the Constitution  
12 of Pennsylvania, the House of Representatives has the exclusive  
13 power to determine its rules, protect its members against  
14 violence and expel a member; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That, pursuant to section 11 of Article II of the  
16 Constitution of Pennsylvania, the House of Representatives  
17 censure Representative Brian Sims for his actions which tend to  
18 bring the House of Representatives into dishonor and disrepute;  
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That, pursuant to section 11 of Article II of the  
21 Constitution of Pennsylvania, the House of Representatives  
22 remove Representative Brian Sims from his position as a member  
23 of the Finance Committee, the Game and Fisheries Committee and  
24 the Human Services Committee, Chair of the Subcommittee on  
25 Mental Health, and the State Government Committee, Chair of the  
26 Subcommittee on Federal-State Relations; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct that for  
28 the remainder of the 2019-2020 Legislative Session, the House  
29 not appoint Representative Brian Sims to any standing, select or  
30 special committee of the House, the General Assembly or any

1 agency, authority, board or commission.