**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO AMEND RULE 4.13 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO PERSONS PERMITTED TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A PERSON WHO TESTIFIES BEFORE A HOUSE COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE FIRST MUST BE SWORN AND PLACED UNDER OATH.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That Rule 4.13 of the Rules of the House of Representatives be amended by adding new undesignated paragraphs at the end to read:

“A person may not testify as to matters of fact before either a committee or subcommittee of the House of Representatives unless that person first is sworn and placed under oath. The committee or subcommittee chairman or acting chairman shall administer the oath. Committees and subcommittees either may employ reporting services or use House staff to transcribe sworn testimony. The oath required by this rule must be in substantially the following form:

‘I, [insert the name of the witness], swear or affirm that the testimony I am about to give to [insert the name of the committee] is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief’.”

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