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9 **A HOUSE RESOLUTION**

11 TO PROVIDE THAT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XV, SECTION  
 12 1, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895,  
 13 THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THE  
 14 HONORABLE MARSHALL C. SANFORD, JR., IS  
 15 IMPEACHED FOR SERIOUS MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE.

17 Whereas, Governor Mark Sanford was absent from the State of  
 18 South Carolina and from the United States from Thursday, June  
 19 18, 2009, until Wednesday, June 24, 2009, while in or in route to  
 20 and from Argentina for reasons unrelated to his gubernatorial  
 21 responsibilities; and

23 Whereas, from Thursday, June 18, 2009, until at least on or about  
 24 Monday, June 22, 2009, Governor Sanford was not in official  
 25 communication with any person in the chain of command within  
 26 the Office of the Governor of the State of South Carolina; and

28 Whereas, the Lieutenant Governor was not aware of the  
 29 Governor's absence from the State and there was no established  
 30 chain of command or protocol for the exercise of the executive  
 31 authority of the State; and

33 Whereas, the Governor intentionally and clandestinely evaded  
 34 South Carolina Law Enforcement Division agents assigned to  
 35 secure his safety in order to effect his absence from the State; and

37 Whereas, the Governor directed members of his staff in a manner  
 38 that caused them to deceive and mislead the public officials of the  
 39 State of South Carolina as well as the public of the State of South  
 40 Carolina as to the Governor's whereabouts; and

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