

House resolution revising and adopting by rule the House member dress code

Offered by: [TBD]

Whereas, as described in *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* Sec. 4-2, rules of legislative procedure are derived from several sources, with adopted rules taking precedence over custom, and

Whereas, the current custom of the House of Representatives requires male members to wear jackets during session unless the House votes to suspend its rules to allow them to remove their jackets upon a motion made by a female member, and

Whereas, the House desires to adopt a rule that requires a gender-neutral dress code that maintains chamber decorum, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body adds Rule 11a of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives as follows:

11a. A member shall wear business professional attire in the House Chamber.