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## **Committee on Oversight and Reform**

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### **A Resolution**

**Offered by Rep. Mark Green**

Expressing the sense of the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the United States House of Representatives that Michael Cohen willfully and knowingly provided false testimony under oath before the Committee on February 27, 2019.

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Be it resolved by the Committee on Oversight and Reform that it is the sense of the Committee that Michael Cohen willfully and knowingly provided false testimony about numerous distinct material facts under oath before the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

Whereas Michael Cohen testified under oath as a witness before the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on February 27, 2019;

Whereas Michael Cohen falsely testified under oath, "I have never asked for, nor would I accept, a pardon from President Trump";

Whereas in truth and fact attorney for Michael Cohen, Lanny Davis, admitted that Cohen testified falsely on March 6, 2019 by stating Cohen "directed his attorney to explore possibilities of a pardon at one point with [Donald J.] Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani as well as other lawyers advising President Trump";

Whereas in truth and fact, attorney for Michael Cohen, Michael Monico, admitted in a March 12, 2019 letter Cohen's testimony was inaccurate;

Whereas in truth and fact, the *ex post* representation by Cohen's attorney does not annul Cohen's intentionally false and misleading testimony;

Whereas in truth and fact, Cohen's testimony under oath was delivered in the context of apologizing for all his criminal activities;

Whereas in truth and fact, Cohen's intentionally false denial of ever seeking a pardon contained no qualifiers about the context of his statement;

Whereas in truth and fact, Cohen's denial of ever seeking a pardon, as uttered under oath in his testimony, was absolute and unequivocal;

Whereas in truth and fact, Cohen testified under oath that he and his lawyers spent hours editing his written statement submitted to the Committee on Oversight and Reform preceding his testimony, which included the written assertion, "I have never asked for, nor would I accept, a pardon from President Trump";

Whereas in truth and fact, Cohen's denial in his written statement of never asking for a Presidential pardon was an unqualified assertion;

Whereas Michael Cohen falsely testified under oath that he "did not want to go to the White House" and he "did not want a role or title in the administration";

Whereas in truth and fact the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York submitted to federal court a sentencing memorandum expressing Michael Cohen's desire to work in the White House, explaining: "during and after the campaign, Cohen privately told friends and colleagues, including in seized text messages, that he expected to be given a prominent role and title in the new administration. When that did not materialize, Cohen found a way to monetize his relationship with and access to the President";

Whereas Michael Cohen falsely testified under oath on other factual matters of material significance, including but not limited to false assertions about never committing bank fraud,

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false assertions about a propaganda twitter account designed to inflate his public standing; and false assertions that all of his crimes were motivated by blind loyalty to the President;

Whereas in truth and fact, Cohen's intentionally false testimony on a multitude of other factual matters was aimed at obscuring the truth and ameliorating the extent of his own personal embarrassment.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the United States House of Representatives that—

The witness, Michael Dean Cohen, shall be referred to the Department of Justice for criminal investigation and potential prosecution for failure to provide truthful testimony under oath before the House Oversight and Reform Committee on February 27, 2019.