

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DISTRICT OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CONGRESSWOMAN DIANA HARSHBARGER FOR DISTRICT OFFICE SPACE AT THE KINGSPORT CENTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, beginning in 2013 the board approved a lease agreement with then Congressman Phil Roe for office space at the Kingsport Center for Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger has leased the space for the last 4 years, and would like to continue to lease it for an additional 2 years, so that the expiration date will be January 2, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the rent remains \$1,854.00 per month.

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That a lease agreement for district office space with Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger at the Kingsport Center for Higher Education for a two-year term is approved.

SECTION II. That the mayor, or in his absence, incapacity, or failure to act, the vice-mayor, is authorized and directed to execute, in a form approved by the city attorney, and subject to the requirements of Article X, Section 10 of the Charter of the City of Kingsport, an agreement for district office space leased by Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger at the Kingsport Center for Higher Education for a two year term, and all other documents necessary and proper to effectuate the purpose of the agreement or this resolution, said agreement being generally as follows:

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
District Office Lease Agreement

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C.A. § 4313, and the Regulations of the Committee on House Administration (as modified from time to time by Committee Order) relating to office space in home districts, City of Kingsport, 415 Broad Street, Kingsport, TN, 37660

(Landlord's name) (Landlord's street address, city, state, ZIP code)

("Lessor"), and Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger, a Member/Member-Elect of the U.S. House of Representatives ("Lessee"), agree as follows:

1. **Location.** Lessor shall lease to Lessee 1,272 square feet of office space located at 205 Revere Street in the city, state and ZIP code of Kingsport, TN, 37660.
(Office city, state and ZIP)

2. **Lease Amenities.** Lessee shall be entitled to receive and Lessor shall be required to provide the amenities selected in Section A of the District Office Lease Attachment ("Attachment") accompanying this Lease.

3. **Term.** Lessee shall have and hold the leased premises for the period beginning January 3, 2025 and ending January 2, 2027. The term of this District Office Lease ("Lease") may not exceed two (2) years and may not extend beyond January 2, 2025, which is the end of the constitutional term of

the Congress to which the Member is elected.

4. Rent. The monthly rent shall be \$1,854, and is payable in arrears on or before the last day of each calendar month. Rent payable under this Lease shall be prorated on a daily basis for any fraction of a month of occupancy.

5. Early Termination. This Lease may be terminated by either party giving 30 days' prior written notice to the other party. The commencement date of such termination notice shall be the date such notice is delivered or, if mailed, the date such notice is postmarked.

6. Payments. During the term of this Lease, rent payments under Section 4 of this Lease shall be remitted to the Lessor by the Chief Administrative Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives (the "CAO") on behalf of the Lessee.

7. District Office Lease Attachment for 118th Congress. The District Office Lease Attachment attached hereto is incorporated herein by reference, and this Lease shall have no force or effect unless and until accompanied by an executed District Office Lease Attachment for the 118th Congress.

8. Counterparts. This Lease may be executed in any number of counterparts and by facsimile copy, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

9. Section Headings. The section headings of this Lease are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof.

10. Modifications. Any amendments, additions or modifications to this Lease inconsistent with Sections 1 through 9 above shall have no force or effect to the extent of such inconsistency.

11. Other. Additionally, the Lessor and the Lessee agree to the following:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this District Office Lease as of the later date written below by the Lessor or the Lessee.

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

**District Office Lease Attachment
(Additional Terms and Conditions)
(Additional Lease Terms)**

1. Incorporated District Office Lease Attachment. Lessor (Landlord) and Lessee (Member/Member-elect of the U.S. House of Representatives) agree that this District Office Lease Attachment ("Attachment") is incorporated into and made part of the Lease ("Lease") and, if applicable, District Office Lease Amendment ("Amendment") to which it is attached.

2. Performance. Lessor expressly acknowledges that neither the U.S. House of Representatives (the "House") nor its Officers are liable for the performance of the Lease. Lessor further expressly acknowledges that payments made by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House (the "CAO") to Lessor to satisfy Lessee's rent obligations under the Lease – which payments are made solely on behalf of Lessee in support of his/her official and representational duties as a Member of the House – shall create no legal obligation or liability on the part of the CAO or the House whatsoever. Lessee shall be solely responsible for the performance of the Lease and Lessor expressly agrees to look solely to Lessee for such performance.

3. Modifications. Any amendment to the Lease must be in writing and signed by the Lessor and Lessee. Lessor and Lessee also understand and acknowledge that the Administrative Counsel for the CAO ("Administrative Counsel") must review and give approval of any amendment to the Lease prior to its execution.

4. Compliance with House Rules and Regulations. Lessor and Lessee understand and acknowledge that the Lease shall not be valid, and the CAO will not authorize the disbursement of funds to the Lessor, until Administrative Counsel has reviewed the Lease to determine that it complies with the Rules of the House and the Regulations of the Committee on House Administration, and approved the Lease by signing the last page of this Attachment.

5. Payments. The Lease is a fixed term lease with monthly installments for which payment is due in arrears on or before the end of each calendar month. In the event of a payment dispute, Lessor agrees to contact the Office of Finance, U.S. House of Representatives, at 202-225-7474 to attempt to resolve the dispute before contacting Lessee.

6. Void Provisions. Any provision in the Lease purporting to require the payment of a security deposit shall have no force or effect. Furthermore, any provision in the Lease purporting to vary the dollar amount of the rent specified in the Lease by any cost of living clause, operating expense clause, pro rata expense clause, escalation clause, or any other adjustment or measure during the term of the Lease shall have no force or effect.

7. Certain Charges. The parties agree that any charge for default, early termination or cancellation of the Lease which results from actions taken by or on behalf of the Lessee shall be the

sole responsibility of the Lessee and shall not be paid by the CAO on behalf of the Lessee.

8. Death, Resignation or Removal. In the event Lessee dies, resigns or is removed from office during the term of the Lease, the Clerk of the House may, at his or her sole option, either: (a) terminate the Lease by giving thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Lessor; or (b) assume the obligation of the Lease and continue to occupy the premises for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days following the certification of the election of the Lessee's successor. In the event the Clerk elects to terminate the Lease, the commencement date of such thirty (30) day termination notice shall be the date such notice is delivered to the Lessor or, if mailed, the date on which such notice is postmarked.

9. Term. The term of the Lease may not exceed the constitutional term of the Congress to which the Lessee has been elected. The Lease may be signed by the Member-elect before taking office. Should the Member-elect not take office to serve as a Member of the 118th Congress, the Lease will be considered null and void.

10. Early Termination. If either Lessor or Lessee terminates the Lease under the terms of the Lease, the terminating party agrees to promptly file a copy of any termination notice with the Office of Finance, U.S. House of Representatives, Attn: Kellie Wilson, via e-mail at FCLeasePayments@mail.house.gov, and with the Administrative Counsel by e-mail at leases@mail.house.gov.

11. Assignments. Lessor shall provide thirty (30) days prior written notice to Lessee before assigning any of its rights, interests or obligations under the Lease, in whole or in part, by operation of law or otherwise. Lessor shall promptly file a copy of any such assignment notice with Administrative Counsel by e-mail at leases@mail.house.gov. Lessee and the House shall not be responsible for any misdirected payments resulting from Lessor's failure to file an assignment notice in accordance with this section.

12. Sale or Transfer of Leased Premises. Lessor shall provide thirty (30) days prior written notice to Lessee in the event (a) of any sale to a third party of any part of the leased premises, or (b) Lessor transfers or otherwise disposes of any of the leased premises, and provide documentation evidencing such sale or transfer in such notice. Lessor shall promptly file a copy of any such sale or transfer notice with Administrative Counsel by e-mail at leases@mail.house.gov.

13. Bankruptcy and Foreclosure. In the event (a) Lessor is placed in bankruptcy proceedings (whether voluntarily or involuntarily), (b) the leased premises is foreclosed upon, or (c) of any similar occurrence, Lessor agrees to promptly notify Lessee in writing. Lessor shall also promptly file a copy of any such notice via e-mail with the Office of Finance, U.S. House of Representatives, Attn: Kellie Wilson, via e-mail at FCLeasePayments@mail.house.gov, and with Administrative Counsel by e-mail at leases@mail.house.gov.

14. Estoppel Certificates. Lessee agrees to sign an estoppel certificate relating to the leased premises (usually used in instances when the Lessor is selling or refinancing the building) upon the request of the Lessor. Such an estoppel certificate shall require the review of Administrative Counsel, prior to Lessee signing the estoppel certificate. Lessor shall promptly provide a copy of any such estoppel certificate to Administrative Counsel by e-mail at leases@mail.house.gov.

15. Maintenance of Common Areas. Lessor agrees to maintain in good order, at its sole expense, all public and common areas of the building including, but not limited to, all sidewalks, parking areas, lobbies, elevators, escalators, entryways, exits, alleys and other like areas.

16. Maintenance of Structural Components. Lessor also agrees to maintain in good order, repair or replace as needed, at its sole expense, all structural and other components of the premises including, but not limited to, roofs, ceilings, walls (interior and exterior), floors, windows, doors, foundations, fixtures, and all mechanical, plumbing, electrical and air conditioning/heating systems or equipment (including window air conditioning units provided by the Lessor) serving the premises.

17. Lessor Liability for Failure to Maintain. Lessor shall be liable for any damage, either to persons or property, sustained by Lessee or any of his or her employees or guests, caused by Lessor's failure to fulfill its obligations under [Sections 15 and 16](#).

18. Initial Alterations. Lessor shall make any initial alterations to the leased premises, as requested by Lessee and subject to Lessor's consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The cost of such initial alterations shall be included in the annual rental rate.

19. Federal Tort Claims Act. Lessor agrees that the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2671-80, satisfies any and all obligations on the part of the Lessee to purchase private liability insurance. Lessee shall not be required to provide any certificates of insurance to Lessor.

20. Limitation of Liability. Lessor agrees that neither Lessee nor the House nor any of the House's officers or employees will indemnify or hold harmless Lessor against any liability of Lessor to any third party that may arise during or as a result of the Lease or Lessee's tenancy.

21. Compliance with Laws. Lessor shall be solely responsible for complying with all applicable permitting and zoning ordinances or requirements, and with all local and state building codes, safety

codes and handicap accessibility codes (including the Americans with Disabilities Act), both in the common areas of the building and the leased space of the Lessee.

22. Electronic Funds Transfer. Lessor agrees to accept monthly rent payments by Electronic Funds Transfer and agrees to provide the Office of Finance, U.S. House of Representatives, with all banking information necessary to facilitate such payments.

23. Refunds. Lessor shall promptly refund to the CAO, without formal demand, any payment made to the Lessor by the CAO for any period for which rent is not owed because the Lease has ended or been terminated.

24. Conflict. Should any provision of this Attachment be inconsistent with any provision of the attached Lease or attached Amendment, the provisions of this Attachment shall control, and those inconsistent provisions of the Lease or the Amendment shall have no force and effect to the extent of such inconsistency.

25. Construction. Unless the clear meaning requires otherwise, words of feminine, masculine or neuter gender include all other genders and, wherever appropriate, words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.

26. Fair Market Value. The Lease or Amendment is entered into at fair market value as the result of a bona fide, arms-length, marketplace transaction. The Lessor and Lessee certify that the parties are not relatives nor have had, or continue to have, a professional or legal relationship (except as a landlord and tenant).

27. District Certification. The Lessee certifies that the office space that is the subject of the Lease is located within the district the Lessee was elected to represent unless otherwise authorized by Regulations of the Committee on House Administration.

28. Counterparts. This Attachment may be executed in any number of counterparts and by facsimile copy, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this District Office Lease Attachment as of the later date written below by the Lessor or the Lessee.

[Acknowledgements Deleted for Inclusion in this Resolution]

SECTION III. That the mayor is further authorized and directed to make such changes approved by the mayor and the city attorney to the agreement set out herein that do not substantially alter the material provisions of the agreement, and the execution thereof by the mayor and the city attorney is conclusive evidence of the approval of such changes.

SECTION IV. That the board finds that the actions authorized by this resolution are for a public purpose and will promote the health, comfort and prosperity of the citizens of the city.

SECTION V. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of December, 2024.

PAUL W. MONTGOMERY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANGELA MARSHALL, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RODNEY B. ROWLETT, III, CITY ATTORNEY