

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, every United States presidential candidate since Jimmy Carter, except for the current president, has made his or her tax returns public; and

Whereas, tax returns can reveal conflicts of interest that may not appear in financial disclosure statements; and

Whereas, efforts have been made at the federal level to require a presidential candidate to make his or her tax returns public, including H.R. 305 in the 115th Congress; and

Whereas, H.R. 305 amends the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the president and certain candidates for president to disclose federal income tax returns for the three most recent taxable years in reports filed with either the Office of Government Ethics or the Federal Election Commission, in the case of a candidate; and

Whereas, H.R. 305 provides a foundation but should be amended to require disclosure of federal income tax returns for the ten most recent taxable years; and

Whereas, financial transparency should also be extended to mental health transparency; and

Whereas, many professions where the person may be authorized to use deadly force in the line of duty require an applicant for the position to undergo a psychological screening to determine the mental fitness of the person for the position; and

Whereas, the president of the United States, with the power to mobilize armed forces and launch nuclear weapons, is not required to undergo any psychological screening prior to assuming office; and

Whereas, to date, no efforts have been made at the federal level to require a presidential candidate to undergo a psychological screening prior to assuming office:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Extraordinary Session of the Second Regular Session, hereby strongly urge the Congress of the United States to amend federal law to require that every presidential candidate shall disclose his or her federal income tax returns for the ten most recent taxable years; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Congress should amend federal law to require every presidential candidate to undergo a psychological screening to determine the mental fitness of the person for the position of president of the United States, and that such screening shall be completed by a psychologist independently designated by a panel of experts chosen by the director of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the results of such screening shall be made public; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.