A Resolution to investigate those implicated in the Pandora Papers

WHEREAS, The Pandora Papers are 11.9 million leaked documents with 2.9 terabytes of data that the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) published beginning on 3 October 2021; and

WHEREAS, The leak exposed the secret offshore accounts of 35 world leaders, including current and former presidents, prime ministers, and heads of state as well as more than 100 billionaires, celebrities, and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, This document is a follow up to the 2016 “Panama Papers” leak which was similar in nature; and

WHEREAS, Citizens deserve to be given fair treatment of the law in order to preserve the integrity of governmental structures; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled should pursue action to hold those accountable for tax evasion and exploitation through a judicial trial by Congress for crimes against American citizens.

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A Resolution to regulate mining and distribution of cryptocurrency

WHEREAS, Cryptocurrency is a collection of binary data which is designed to work as a medium of exchange wherein individual coin ownership records are stored in a ledger which is a computerized database using strong cryptography to secure transaction records, to control the creation of additional coins, and to verify the transfer of coin ownership; and

WHEREAS, Bitcoin, the most common and accessible form of cryptocurrency, takes around 140,000 kWh to produce and there are warehouses of Bitcoin mining rigs run 24 hours a day, consuming more power than the whole of Argentina; and

WHEREAS, One Bitcoin transaction takes 1,544 kWh to complete, or the equivalent of approximately 53 days of power for the average US household.

WHEREAS, this consumption results in extreme uses of fossil fuels which will have devastating impacts on the environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled should regulate the production and use of Bitcoin through state ownership of servers that mine for Bitcoin.

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