

**Resolutions**

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Submitted by  
The Temporary Resolutions Committee  
to the  
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## **RESOLUTION #1**

Accept the 2006 State Republican Party Platform as the basis of the resolutions for this Convention.

## **RESOLUTION #2** (see endnote 1)

**Limited Government** – The Republican Party of Texas calls for the abolishment of the Department of Education, the Federal Drug Administration, the Department of Energy, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Transportation and all other agencies and offices not expressly authorized to the United States by the Constitution and a return of these duties to the several States and the people; and the Republican Party of Texas directly rejects the notion that Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution grants the United States Government authority to create such agencies and regulations.

Insert before **Constitutional Citations on Legislation** Pg 8, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## **RESOLUTION #3** (see endnote 2)

**Publishing of the M3 Report by the Federal Reserve** - The Republican Party of Texas calls for the continuation of the publishing of the M3 report by the Federal Reserve.

To be inserted before **Continuity of Government**

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## **RESOLUTION #4** (see endnote 3)

**Resolution on the FED** - The Republican Party of Texas calls for the repeal of the Federal Reserve Act, the abolishment of the Federal Reserve System, and a return to a commodity-backed currency as soon as is practical; and we further call for the immediate legalization of competing currencies and the repeal of all taxation and regulation on voluntary transactions between citizens using alternate currencies such as gold and silver; and we call for the immediate publication to the people of all records and data relating to the actions and decisions of the Federal Reserve Board, its related agencies, and the President's Working Group on Financial Markets

To be inserted before **Continuity of Government**, Page 8, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## RESOLUTION #5

**Preserving National Security** – We believe terrorism is the greatest threat to international peace and to the safety of our own citizens. We therefore urge:

1. our national leadership, within the limits of protecting the Constitutional rights of American citizens, to wage war on terrorists who threaten the United States and its citizens swiftly, deliberately, and decisively wherever such terrorists are found.
2. Congress to immediately cut all foreign aid to any nation threatening our citizens and providing aid or comfort to terrorist organizations or providing arms to other nations hostile to the United States.
3. the Administration to set known standards of consequences and reprisals for terrorist activities and to publicly support other nations in their efforts to fight terrorists.
4. reasonable use of profiling as permitted by the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution to protect American lives and property.
5. full investigation and prosecution of any material breaches in national security.
6. review and revision of those portions of the USA Patriot Act, and related executive and military orders and directives that erode constitutional rights and essential liberties of citizens.
7. **We do not support the enactment of the Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007 (HB 1955).**

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## RESOLUTION #6

**Census** – We oppose any attempt by the United States Census Bureau to obtain any statistical data beyond the number of citizens residing in the dwelling in the required decennial census, and we oppose statistical sampling adjustments. The Republican Party of Texas calls upon its Federal legislators to repeal from Section 141 of Title 13 provisions authorizing the “mid-decade” census, of which the American Community Survey is an example. The Republican Party of Texas also calls upon its Federal legislators to amend the penalty provisions of Titles 13 and 18 so as to grant relief to U.S. citizens who, for reasons of religion or conscience, are compelled to withhold their full response to any census question.

**Preservation of Republican Form of Government** – We reaffirm our support for the provisions for a republican (representative) form of government, as set forth in the Texas Constitution and Texas Bill of Rights [Art. I, Sec. 2; Art. I, Sec 29; Art II, Sec. 1; and Art. XVII, Sec. 2(g)], and we oppose any attempt to introduce direct democracy (Initiative & Referendum) into our state constitution, thereby bypassing the legislative process and the checks and balances between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government.

**Germane Contents Requirement** – We support a law that would require all sentences, paragraphs, sections, and any inclusion to legislation, continuing resolution, law or bill be germane to the title of the act.

**Constitutional Convention** – We oppose a Constitutional Convention or “Conference of the States” to rewrite the United States Constitution. Furthermore, we demand the Texas Legislature immediately rescind the State’s 1977 vote sent to the United States Congress calling for a Constitutional Convention. We also call upon other states to rescind their votes for a Constitutional Convention. ~~The Republican Party of Texas calls upon its Federal legislators to repeal from Section 141 of Title 13 provisions authorizing the “mid-decade” census, of which the American Community Survey is an example. The Republican Party of Texas also calls upon its Federal legislators to amend the penalty provisions of Titles 13 and 18 so as to grant relief to U.S. citizens who, for reasons of religion or conscience, are compelled to withhold their full response to any census question.~~

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## RESOLUTION #7

**Trans-Texas Corridor** – Because there are issues of confiscation of private land, State and National sovereignty and other similar concerns, we urge the repeal of the Trans-Texas Corridor legislation. The Williamson County GOP urges the Republican Party of Texas to place as a non-binding referendum on the next possible primary ballot to finally and truthfully give the people of Texas to vote on the TTC.

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## RESOLUTION #8

**Funding of Education** – Educating Texans is a priority to Texas taxpayers. In order to prioritize education spending, it is necessary to maximize the percentage of school funds that are directed toward instructional purposes.

We urge the Texas Legislature to:

- ~~1.~~ 1. direct expenditures to academics first (books, desks, and teachers), then to non-academic activities if there are funds remaining,
- ~~2.~~ 2. provide full funding for state imposed mandates on local school districts,
- ~~3.~~ 3. not increase state taxes for funding of schools,

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## RESOLUTION #9

**Clarity of Ballot Initiatives** – We support legislation that requires all resolutions and ballot initiatives on federal, state or local ballots be written at a reading level of 6<sup>th</sup> grade or less.

Also, we support legislation that requires all resolutions and ballot initiatives that appear on federal, state or local ballots be written without double negatives.

Insert before **Residency Requirements** on Pg 12, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## RESOLUTION #10

**Support of the Illegal Immigration Plank** - No GOP candidate for any office should receive any funds, campaign assistance, or any other party-affiliated help from either the Republican Party of Texas or the National Republican Party if they do not completely agree with the party's platform of the issue of illegal immigration, and only if they have a strong record of fighting attempts to add amnesty language to any legislation regarding illegal immigration and working to defeat (certainly not sponsor or co-sponsor) any such legislation.

Insert before **Conflicts of Interest** on Pg 12, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## RESOLUTION #11

**Right To Life** - All innocent human life must be respected and safeguarded from fertilization to natural death; therefore, the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed. We affirm our support for a human life amendment to the Constitution and we endorse making clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protection applies to unborn children. We oppose the use of public revenues and/or facilities for abortion or abortion-related services. We support the elimination of public funding for organizations that advocate or support abortion. We urge the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*. We urge the Congress to pass and the President to enact legislation that removes the question of abortion from the Supreme Court's appellate jurisdiction and returns the question to the States where it belongs. We affirm our support for the appointment and election of judges at all levels of the judiciary who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. We are opposed to genocide, euthanasia, and assisted suicide. We oppose legislation allowing the withholding of nutrition and hydration to the terminally ill or handicapped.

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## RESOLUTION #12 (see endnote #4)

**THE TEXAS PARENTAL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT** – We support the Texas Parental Rights Restoration Act (TPRRA) (similar to HB 3971 by Hughes in the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session) to amend this statute and restore the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing of their children.

To be inserted before **Support of Parental Authority** Page 16, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## RESOLUTION #13

**Social Security** - We support an orderly transition to a system of private pensions based on the concept of individual retirement accounts, and gradually phasing out the Social Security tax. We insist that Social Security benefits be non-taxable. To protect the Social Security System, its funds should not be co-mingled or spent with general revenues or invested in private or public corporate stock. We support Americans being allowed to purchase directly, and hold directly as part of their tax-deferred retirement and educational savings plans, United States Treasury obligations, personally managed investment accounts, and tax-free equities. Individuals, who qualify for Social Security benefits, including school teachers, should receive all of the benefits for which they are eligible without penalty. We support the prompt passage of the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82 and S. 206) by the U.S. House and Senate. To protect freedom and privacy, government and private institutions should not require Social Security numbers as ID. Application for Social Security numbers should not be required before the age of consent.

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## RESOLUTION #14

**Posting Check Registers Online** - We support legislation requiring all school districts to post their check registers online, list each expense's purpose and classify it as instructional or non-instructional.

Insert before **State Board of Education** on Pg 18, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## RESOLUTION #15

**Right To Keep and Bear Arms** - The Party calls on the Legislature and the Congress to repeal the “Brady Law” and all other laws under their jurisdiction that infringe on the individual’s right to bear arms and to reject any monitoring of gun ownership, excessive taxation or regulation of making and selling of guns and ammunition. We support a ten year minimum mandatory sentence without parole for felonies, other than state jail felonies, committed with firearms. Stiff penalties should be enacted for frivolous lawsuits against legitimate firearms manufacturers. We believe it is the responsibility of all gun owners to safely store and operate their firearms. We support the Right-To-Carry Reciprocity Act. ~~We urge the Legislature to amend state law to ensure that the Castle Doctrine is fully implemented.~~ We commend the Legislature for implementing the Castle Doctrine. We oppose any outcome of D.C. vs. Heller that restricts an individual’s right to bear arms.

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## RESOLUTION #16 (See endnote 5)

**Gun Free Zones** - We call for the immediate repeal of any legislation, judicial decision or executive order that creates gun-free zones on any public property or limits any private property owner’s rights in allowing citizens to arm themselves for their own protection or the protection of others.

Insert before Freedom of Access Act Page 21, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## RESOLUTION #17

**Government Services** – We support privatization of most government services. Public funds should not be used to fund or implement any private projects such as high-speed rail, or sports stadiums ~~or space exploration.~~

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## RESOLUTION #18

**Government Spending and Fiscal Responsibility** – Every government body in Texas should be required to limit any annual increase in its budget and sending to the combined increase of population plus inflation unless it first gets voter approval to exceed the allowed growth.

Insert before Rural and Volunteer Fire Departments on pg 23, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## RESOLUTION #19

**Truth in Taxation on Bond Issues** - The Republican Party of Texas calls on the Texas Legislature to pass a constitutional amendment requiring that all bond issues - both state and local – require a “truth in taxation” statement which includes the total tax burden per taxpayer that the passage of such bond would encumber annually, the year in which the bond would begin, current and outstanding debt obligations of the agency requesting the bond and all assumptions used for the projections must be stated clearly.

Insert before Rural and Volunteer Fire Departments on pg 23, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## RESOLUTION #20

**Supermajority for Bond Issues** – We support the requirement of a 2/3 supermajority by both the bond issuing authority and the voters to pass any bond issue.

Insert before Rural and Volunteer Fire Departments on pg 23, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## **RESOLUTION #21**

**The FairTax Act (HR 25, S 1025)** – We urge the U.S. House and Senate to bring HR 25 and S 1025 to an immediate floor vote and to pass the Fair Tax. We further urge this resolution be forwarded to the Texas Delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

Insert before **Tax deduction for private, parochial and home school** on Pg 24, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## **RESOLUTION #22**

**Repeal “Market-Based Tolling** – We support that the laws of the State of Texas should be amended to, without exception, prohibit the use of “market valuation” and any form of market-based tolls, and additionally we urge that this measure be applied immediately to all toll roads.

Insert before **Domestic Energy** on page 24, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## **RESOLUTION #23** (see endnote 6)

**Conservation** - We are committed to developing public policy that embraces scientific research and economic development to produce innovative environmental technology, new job opportunities, and best business practices to solve such issues as excessive carbon emissions, heavy reliance on fossil fuels, and the creation of alternative and renewable energy with minimal government intervention. We also stand committed to respecting private property rights of individuals and oppose private property confiscation without honoring the constitutional requirements for just compensation. However, we recognize that open space and conservation are in the best interest of society and future generations and encourage as many options as possible to preserve our natural resources, such as public-nonprofit partnerships so that private property can be used for the public’s benefit, smart growth techniques for existing cities and counties and innovative incentives for conservation on private property. Finally, we believe that periodic review should be used to streamline the environmental regulatory system, ensure the effective performance of its missions, and encourage private sector competition, job creation, and the implementation of sound land use policies.

Insert before **Business and the Economy** on page 25, 2006 Republican Party Platform

## **RESOLUTION #24**

### **Resolution to honor William F. Buckley Jr. –**

WHEREAS, William F. Buckley Jr. provided superior leadership and contributed immense insight and guidance to the Republican Party of the United States of America,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that William F. Buckley Jr. is recognized as a true lexicon in the annals of the National Republican Party of the United States of America.

To be inserted at the end of the 2006 Republican Party Platform

**(1) Limited Government**

WHEREAS the Republican Party of Texas "respects and cherishes the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and our Founders' intent to restrict the power of the federal government over the states and the people;" and

WHEREAS Amendments 9 and 10 to the United States Constitution reserve to the States and the People all rights not expressly "delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States;" and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has, in direct violation of the letter and spirit of the Constitution "erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance;"

**(2) Resolution to Mandate the Publishing of the M3 Report by the Federal Reserve**

WHEREAS the M3 report is the broadest measure of how much money is circulating in the U.S. at any one time and is therefore the most comprehensive report to measure and monitor inflation in both the currency and the credit markets; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Reserve Board decided to stop publishing the M3 Report in March 2006 on the grounds that few people were using it, and that the cost of collecting the data outweighed the benefits; and

WHEREAS, the computer power and the information gathering acumen of the Federal Reserve is already in place to produce the M3 Report which adds a layer of transparency and accountability to an already illusive institution.

**(3) Resolution on the FED**

WHEREAS the Republican Party of Texas "respects and cherishes the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution," and supports a vigorous, unregulated Free Market as the best method for determining Prices and Wages; and

WHEREAS the Founding Fathers well understood the dangers of a Fiat Currency System, and therefore the Constitution prescribes that the States may not "make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts;" and

WHEREAS the current Federal Reserve System mandates a Privately Controlled Fiat Currency and has allowed a Centralized Board of Bankers unaccountable to the American People to manipulate and control the value of the Currency and the Interest Rates; and

WHEREAS these United States holds a current total debt, including unfunded obligations, of 53 trillion dollars, or approximately \$440,000 per household according to the U.S. General Accounting Office; and

WHEREAS these practices have resulted in the debasement of the savings and wages of American Citizens, and have created an onerous "Inflation Tax";

**(4) THE TEXAS PARENTAL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT**

WHEREAS, the Texas Grandparent Access Statute has been abused by allowing parents to be sued by grandparents for access and possession of grandchildren without showing the parents to be unfit;

WHEREAS, the Texas Supreme Court has ruled in two cases (Mays-Hooper 2006 & Derzapf 2007) in favor of the parents only to see a local judge allow the grandparents to file suit again under this statute;

WHEREAS, this statute allows a lower standard of evidence for possession than is required for custody;

WHEREAS, the statute does not require special weight be given to a parent's decision regarding a grandparent's access to a child as required by the US Supreme Court in the Troxel case;

WHEREAS, many families are facing the stark specter of financial ruin in order to defend their right as parents to direct the upbringing of their children;

WHEREAS, this statute allows parents who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death or divorce to become the victim of such legal harassment;

**(5) A Resolution to Abolish Gun Free Zones:**

WHEREAS, gun-free zones established by the government constitute areas where only criminals disregarding such laws may be armed with the intent to exact high casualties on an unarmed population; and

WHEREAS, recent shooting rampages have alerted the public and legislators to the fact that gun-free zones are areas where criminals know they can commit crimes with impunity against unarmed citizens.

**(6) Conservation** - Whereas the original stewards of conservation in America are Republicans, including Abraham Lincoln, who protected Yosemite Valley; Ulysses Grant, who signed the bill establishing Yellowstone National Park; Benjamin Harrison, who signed the Forest Reserve Act; Theodore Roosevelt, who established the first National Wildlife Refuge and protected 18 National Monuments; Herbert Hoover, who created the second Grand Canyon National Monument; Dwight Eisenhower, who protected land now designated as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; Richard Nixon, who signed into law the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, The National Environmental Policy Act, and the Environmental Pesticide Control Act; and George H.W. Bush signed a strengthened Clean Air Act; and

Whereas, as Russell Kirk stated, "Nothing is more conservative than conservation."; and

Whereas true conservatives should safeguard the resources on which the health, recreation, and economic prosperity of present and future Texans depend, now therefore;