



**Republican  
National  
Committee**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR COOPERATION WITH THE  
CONSERVATIVE GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT**

**Whereas**, Republicans and members of the Conservative Grassroots Movement have significantly more in common with each other than differences (remembering President Ronald Reagan's principle that 80% agreement equals friendship); and

**Whereas**, the Conservative Grassroots Movement's focus on strict adherence to the Constitution and tax reform has become the fourth pillar of the conservative movement, along with fiscal, defense and social conservatives; and

**Whereas**, electing well qualified Republicans is essential to transforming any conservative principles into public policy; and

**Whereas**, improved communication between the Republican Party and the Conservative Grassroots Movement results in Republican candidates being better qualified to move the conservative agenda forward; and

**Whereas**, the Republican National Committee recognizes and celebrates the essential and critical role the Conservative Grassroots Movement plays in the advancement of conservative principles; therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee welcomes the Conservative Grassroots Movement's enthusiasm for conservative principles and offers assistance in helping achieve electoral and legislative victories; and be it further

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee asserts that it is not the intent to move the Party to the center, but to offer well-qualified conservative Republican candidates and support them to victory in the general election; and be it further

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee welcomes cooperation with the Conservative Grassroots Movement in recruiting and training well-qualified conservative Republican candidates; and be it further

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee urges each State and County Republican Party to unite as a Conservative Grassroots Movement in recruiting and training well-qualified conservative Republican candidates; and be it finally

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee urges all Republicans to support the Republican Party's nominees.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*



## Republican National Committee

### RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND MEMORY OF BORAH VAN DORMOLEN

**Whereas**, on March 11, 2013 the Republican National Committee lost a patriot, a faithful soldier, a true champion and beloved current RNC member in Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Borah Van Dormolen; and

**Whereas**, the Republican National Committee wishes to honor the many achievements of Borah Van Dormolen as a soldier, a private citizen and a political activist; and

**Whereas**, Borah Van Dormolen, who was once wheelchair-bound after childhood polio, with determination, used her God-given talents to represent our nation as a swimmer in the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City; and

**Whereas**, Borah Van Dormolen served our great nation with distinction in the United States Army for twenty-three years, achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and taught future officers at the United States Military Academy at West Point; and

**Whereas**, Borah Van Dormolen and her husband Richard Castle, made their community of Salado, her state of Texas, and her nation a better place to live not only by establishing a successful business, but by advancing conservative ideals and principles and generously giving of time and finances nationally, statewide, and locally; and

**Whereas**, Borah Van Dormolen served the state of Texas by working tirelessly with grassroots activists for decades and served as president of Texas Federation of Republican Women where she took a leading role in attracting women to the Republican Party and personally mentored and served as an example for hundreds of women in the state of Texas who are currently in leadership positions; and

**Whereas**, Borah Van Dormolen has been a leader, an advisor, and a friend to candidates and elected officials from the White House to the courthouse including Texas Governors, United States Senators, and many Members of the United States House of Representatives; and

**Whereas**, Borah Van Dormolen has served her great State of Texas on the Texas State Republican Party Executive Committee and was present and leading at the most recent meeting one week prior to her passing; and

**Whereas**, Borah Van Dormolen was a 2013-14 Trustee and instrumental in the founding and success of "Maggie's List," a political action committee focused on recruiting, training, and promoting women running for congressional office throughout the country; and

**Whereas**, Borah Van Dormolen has served our nation on the Republican National Committee with high distinction during her service as National Committeewoman from the State of Texas, where she was preparing to join the Rules Committee; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Republican National Committee joins with the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the Republican Party of Texas to proudly honor and celebrate the life and many accomplishments of our dear friend, Borah Van Dormolen, and extend our heartfelt condolences to her husband, Rich Castle; and her family and the many who called her a friend, and be it finally

**Resolved**, Lieutenant Colonel Borah Van Dormolen left this life far too early; therefore with the utmost respect for her passing we commit to carry on Borah's legacy by working to uphold the conservative causes she fought hard to advance.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*



## Republican National Committee

### RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF SHIRLEY LESLIE

**Whereas**, on January 2, 2013, the Republican National Committee and New Mexico State Committee lost a dear friend and valued Republican in the passing of Shirley Chapman Leslie; and

**Whereas**, the Republican National Committee wishes to recognize and honor Shirley Leslie's achievements as a philanthropist and long-time Republican activist; and

**Whereas**, Shirley Leslie, a successful businesswoman, with her husband, founded Home Planning Development Co., and succeeded her husband after a tragic automobile accident in 1975, graciously served her state of New Mexico, Land of Enchantment, as Republican National Committeewoman from 1989 to 1992; and

**Whereas**, Shirley Leslie served on the New Mexico State Central Committee and Executive Committee for many years; and

**Whereas**, Shirley Leslie was known for her gracious hospitality hosting events at her National Historical Home for hundreds of Republican Candidates and the Republican Party of New Mexico for more than 40 years; and

**Whereas**, Shirley Leslie served as a Delegate to Republican National Convention numerous times; and

**Whereas**, Shirley Leslie served as a member of the National Republican Party's Regents; and

**Whereas**, Shirley Leslie's consistent and generous contributions of time, advice, and financial support highlighted her dedication to the Republican Party during her many years of service; and

**Whereas**, Shirley Leslie devoted herself to supporting the Albuquerque community through her many philanthropic endeavors including: serving as a charter member of Albuquerque Community Foundation, Board member of UNM Cancer Treatment, first woman to chair the Lovelace Medical Center's Board of advisors, first woman vice president of the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, first woman of New Mexico Amigos, and numerous other philanthropic activities; and

**Whereas**, Shirley Leslie, devoted mother, raised her six children as a single mother, determined to instill a personal responsibility and integrity and to give back to New Mexico was overjoyed and proud of the successful lives each of her six children lead; and

**Whereas**, Shirley Leslie's generous contributions to the Republican National Committee, the New Mexico State Committee and Republican candidates including President, Legislative, and County challengers; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Republican National Committee commends the life of and honors the memory of Shirley Chapman Leslie and expresses its heartfelt condolences to the entire Leslie family.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*



## Republican National Committee

### RESOLUTION CONCERNING CHINA'S ONGOING PRACTICE OF ESPIONAGE

**Whereas**, China has a well-documented program of cyber espionage targeted at the United States military, and the defense and civilian industrial base; and

**Whereas**, U.S. national intelligence chief James Clapper said that there was “a remote chance of a major cyber-attack against U.S. critical infrastructure systems during the next two years that would result in long-term, wide-scale disruption of services, such as a regional power outage;” and

**Whereas**, CIA Director John Brennan has stated that “the seriousness and the diversity of the threats that this country faces in the cyber domain are increasing on a daily basis;” and

**Whereas**, U.S. security firm Mandiant reported a unit of China's People's Liberation Army had stolen hundreds of terabytes of data from at least 141 organizations, mostly based in the United States; and

**Whereas**, National Security Adviser Tom Donilon said that U.S. businesses are growing more concerned “about sophisticated, targeted theft of confidential business information through cyber-intrusions emanating from China at a very large scale;” and

**Whereas**, these acts threaten the security of the United States, and threaten the world-wide economic competitiveness of our country's industrial base; and

**Whereas**, China has denied such reports, and says it is a victim of cyber spying by the U.S. government; and

**Whereas**, President Obama has only indirectly confronted China, and by his refusal to openly identify China as the primary state actor conducting cyber warfare against the United States, implicitly encourages their continuance; therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee condemns China for its aggressive program of cyber warfare and espionage, and its denial thereof; and be it further

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee calls on President Obama to publicly condemn China for its aggressive program of cyber warfare and espionage and to be clear about how the United States will respond to the use of strategic cyber weapons on American soil, in the military sphere; and be it finally

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee calls on President Obama to begin to match his words with actions, and take actions necessary to cause China to cease these acts.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*



## Republican National Committee

### RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMMON CORE EDUCATION STANDARDS

**Whereas**, the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a set of academic standards, promoted and supported by two private membership organizations, the National Governor's Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), as a method for conforming American students to uniform ("one size fits all") achievement goals to make them more competitive in a global marketplace; and

**Whereas**, the NGA and the CCSSO, received tens of millions of dollars from private third parties to advocate for and develop the CCSS strategy, subsequently created the CCSS through a process that was not subject to any freedom of information acts or other sunshine laws, and never piloted the CCSS; and

**Whereas**, even though Federal Law prohibits the federalizing of curriculum, the Obama Administration accepted the CCSS plan and used 2009 Stimulus Bill money to reward the states that were most committed to the president's CCSS agenda; but, they failed to give states, their legislatures and their citizens time to evaluate the CCSS before having to commit to them; and

**Whereas**, the NGA and CCSSO in concert with the same corporations developing the CCSS 'assessments' have created new textbooks, digital media and other teaching materials aligned to the standards which must be purchased and adopted by local school districts in order that students may effectively compete on CCSS 'assessments;' and

**Whereas**, the CCSS program includes federally funded testing and the collection and sharing of massive amounts of personal student and teacher data; and

**Whereas**, the CCSS effectively removes educational choice and competition since all schools and all districts must use Common Core 'assessments' based on the Common Core standards to allow all students to advance in the school system and to advance to higher education pursuits; therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee, as stated in the 2012 Republican Party Platform, "do[es] not believe in a one size fits all approach to education and supports providing broad education choices to parents and children at the State and local level," (Renewing American Values to Build Healthy Families, Great Schools and Safe Neighborhoods, p.35), which is best based on a free market approach to education for students to achieve individual excellence; and be it further

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee recognizes the CCSS for what it is-- an inappropriate overreach to standardize and control the education of our children so they will conform to a preconceived "normal;" and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Republican National Committee rejects the collection of personal student data for any non-educational purpose without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student's parent, and that it rejects the sharing of such personal data, without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student's parent, with any person or entity other than schools or education agencies within the state; and be it finally

**Resolved**, that the 2012 Republican Party Platform specifically states the need to repeal the numerous federal regulations which interfere with State and local control of public schools, (Renewing American Values to Build Healthy Families, Great Schools and Safe Neighborhoods, p. 36); and therefore, the Republican National Committee rejects this CCSS plan which creates and fits the country with a nationwide straitjacket on academic freedom and achievement.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*



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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING VOTING OF OVERSEAS MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY**

**Whereas**, our men and women serving overseas in the U.S. military deserve our very best efforts to ensure they can exercise their right to vote and that they are not disenfranchised because their ballots arrive home too late to be counted; and

**Whereas**, as the result of efforts by Senator John Cornyn and Representative Kevin McCarthy to enact the Military Voter Protection Act, Congress passed The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, which provides for an express delivery system for military ballots from overseas; and

**Whereas**, at the insistence of Democrats in the U.S. Senate, The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act gives a monopoly on the federally funded delivery of such ballots to the U.S. Postal Service, and

**Whereas**, the U.S. Postal Service at the current time will not guarantee timely delivery of ballots mailed less than one week before the election; and

**Whereas**, allowing free and open competition among express delivery providers could shorten the guaranteed delivery time for most military ballots to four days or less; therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee urges Congress to change the law to require that if the U.S. Postal Service cannot guarantee timely delivery to the proper election officials of military ballots within four days of the general election, that delivery providers be selected by an open and transparent competitive process, to ensure timely delivery of military ballots from overseas.

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**RESOLUTION FOR MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN 2013**

**Whereas**, the institution of marriage is the solid foundation upon which our society is built and in which children thrive; and it is based on the relationship that only a man and a woman can form; and

**Whereas**, support for marriage has been repeatedly affirmed nationally in the 2012 Republican National Platform, through the enactment of the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996 (signed into law by President Bill Clinton), and passed by the voters of 41 States including California via Proposition 8 in 2008; and

**Whereas**, no Act of human government can change the reality that marriage is a natural and most desirable union; especially when procreation is a goal; and

**Whereas**, the future of our country is children; it has been proven repeatedly that the most secure and nurturing environment in which to raise healthy well adjusted children is in a home where both mother and father are bound together in a loving marriage; and

**Whereas**, the U. S. Supreme Court is considering the constitutionality of laws adopted to protect marriage from the unfounded accusation that support for marriage is based only on irrational prejudice against homosexuals; therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee affirms its support for marriage as the union of one man and one woman, and as the optimum environment in which to raise healthy children for the future of America; and be it further

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee implores the U. S. Supreme Court to uphold the sanctity of marriage in its rulings on California's Proposition 8 and the Federal Defense of Marriage Act.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*



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**RESOLUTION HONORING RON PAUL, FORMER CONGRESSMAN AND MEDICAL DOCTOR**

**Whereas**, the Honorable Ron Paul served his country with dignity and integrity as a United States Congressman from the State of Texas for 23 years; and

**Whereas**, Ron Paul served his country bravely as a member of the United States Military during his time as an Air Force Flight Surgeon; and

**Whereas**, a generation of new voters were inspired to join and become active in the Republican Party due to Ron Paul's promotion of a limited government philosophy; and

**Whereas**, Ron Paul has remained consistent in his dedication to the principles of life, the free market and the Constitution; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Members of the Republican National Committee express their sincere gratitude to the Honorable Ron Paul for his selfless commitment and personal dedication with which he has served this nation.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*





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**RESOLUTION REQUESTING ACCOUNTABILITY  
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Whereas**, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has not responded satisfactorily to multiple Members of Congress asking why the DHS requisitioned more than 1.6 billion rounds of ammunition in the past year; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Members of the Republican National Committee support the signatories of the letter drafted by Rep. Doug LaMalfa, dated March 5, 2013, to DHS seeking transparency and accurate information concerning DHS's purchases of ammunition.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*



## Republican National Committee

### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A STRONG SPACE PROGRAM

**Whereas**, the United States of America deserves a space program worthy of our great nation; and

**Whereas**, our space program has contributed to numerous scientific discoveries which have enhanced our quality of life, including: microwave ovens, satellite television and radio, water filter technology, scratch resistant lenses, and long distance telecommunications; and

**Whereas**, our space program has contributed to numerous scientific discoveries which have saved countless lives including: magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) scan, programmable pacemakers and defibrillators, left ventricular assist devices, laser angioplasty, and insulin pumps; and

**Whereas**, our space program has been a great source of national pride and international prestige; and

**Whereas**, our space program has always enjoyed bipartisan support from men and women who understood the vision President John F. Kennedy expressed when he challenged our nation to fly to the moon; and

**Whereas**, the Obama administration has left our space program rudderless when it suddenly and inexplicably canceled the Constellation Program which was based on sound engineering and technology; and

**Whereas**, the Obama administration has adopted a program based on inefficiency, waste, and political ideology which blatantly ignores the safety lessons learned from the past; and

**Whereas**, the executive decisions which have been made over the last four years have their origins in politics, not science; and

**Whereas**, our great nation cannot remain safe and secure if we allow other nations to advance beyond our capabilities in space; and

**Whereas**, the American people deserve a space program that is cost effective, sustainable, and has stated scientific goals; and

**Whereas**, America should lead the world in space exploration, space flight, and scientific research; and

**Whereas**, America should never be dependent on other countries to travel to the space station built by American tax dollars and intellectual investment; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Republican National Committee shall call on the Obama administration to stop playing politics with our nation's space program; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Republican National Committee calls on Congressmen and Senators of both parties to strongly urge the Obama administration to present a serious, coherent program that protects our space program, which is vital to our national security and our national interest.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*



## Republican National Committee

### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CORE VALUES OF THE 2012 REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

**Whereas**, the 2012 Republican Platform states, “our rights come from God, are protected by government, and that the only just government is one that truly governs with the consent of the governed,” (Preamble, p. i); and

**Whereas**, the 2012 Republican Platform state, “Faithful to the ‘self-evident’ truths enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and endorse legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to the unborn children” (We The People: A Restoration of the Constitution, p. 13-14); and

**Whereas**, the 2012 Republican Platform states, “We uphold the right of individuals to keep and bear arms, a right which antedated the Constitution and was solemnly confirmed by the Second Amendment” (We The People: A Restoration of Constitutional Government, p. 13); and

**Whereas**, the 2012 Republican Platform states, “We believe that marriage, the union of one man and one woman must be upheld as the national standard, a goal to stand for, encourage, and promote through laws governing marriage,” and “We embrace the principle that all Americans should be treated with respect and dignity,” (Renewing American Values to Build Healthy Families, Great Schools and Safe Neighborhoods, p. 31); and

**Whereas**, the 2012 Republican Platform states, “The greatest asset of the American economy is the American worker,” and “Just as immigrant labor helped build our country in the past, today’s legal immigrants are making vital contributions in every aspect of our national life,” and “Their industry and commitment to American values strengthens our economy, enriches our culture, and enables us to better understand and more effectively compete with the rest of the world;” and

**Whereas**, the 2012 Republican Platform further states, “Illegal immigration undermines those benefits and affects U.S. workers. In an age of terrorism, drug cartels, human trafficking, and criminal gangs, the presence of millions of unidentified persons in this country poses grave risks to the safety and the sovereignty of the United States,” and “Our highest priority, therefore, is to secure the rule of law both at our borders and at ports of entry” (Reforming Government to Serve the People, p. 25); therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee reaffirms our commitment to the core values of the Republican Party as stated in the 2012 Republican Platform approved by the delegates to the Republican National Convention on August 28, 2012.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*



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**RESOLUTION TO RESTORE STATE SHARE OF MINERAL ROYALTIES**

**Whereas**, the federal government owns approximately 640 million acres of land, with most of this acreage in the western U.S. and Alaska; and

**Whereas**, the Federal government receives royalties from leasable minerals produced on federal lands; and

**Whereas**, the Obama Administration contends that The Budget Control Act of 2011 mandates an across-the-board 5.1 percent sequester reduction, including revenue (royalty) payments to states; and

**Whereas**, this novel interpretation means that about \$110 million will be withheld from states where energy production occurs on federal lands during the remainder of the fiscal year; and

**Whereas**, this loss of revenue stream will impact many state programs dependent on the royalty income; and

**Whereas**, this novel interpretation could be extended to other revenue payments to states, such as highway funds; therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee urges that these revenue payments not be subject to sequester reductions.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*