



Republican National Committee

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RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROBERT BENNETT

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2014, the Republican National Committee lost a beloved and well-respected member Robert Bennett;

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee wishes to remember and honor Robert Bennett for his achievements as a civic leader, political leader, State Party Chairman, and Republican National Committeeman;

WHEREAS, Robert Bennett had a distinguished public career that spanned more than four decades including more than twenty years as Chairman of the Ohio Republican Party and serving as National Committeeman until his passing;

WHEREAS, Robert Bennett served as counselor to local elected officials, United States Senators, Governors and Presidents; and under his leadership Republicans went from holding no statewide executive offices, Congressional or state legislative majorities to sweeping all executive offices, controlling the legislature and a majority of Congressional seats;

WHEREAS, Robert Bennett was a graduate of The Ohio State University and the Cleveland Marshall Law School of Baldwin Wallace College, was an attorney and Certified Public Accountant and served on the board of many businesses and civic institutions;

WHEREAS, Robert Bennett was instrumental in bringing the 2016 Republican National Committee to Cleveland and remained active in his work for his entire life; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee proudly honors and celebrates the life of our long-time and dear friend, Robert Bennett, who was a state and national leader for the Republican Party, and extends our deepest condolences to his son, Robert T. Bennett, Jr., daughter Rose Marie Bennett-Yonek, his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many friends.

**As adopted by the Republican National Committee on January 16, 2015.*



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RESOLUTION FOR REASONABLE ACCESS TO A LIVE MICROPHONE

WHEREAS, both the 2012 Republican National Convention Rules and the Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States recognize the right to debate by delegates to the Convention and set the provisions governing that debate;

WHEREAS, live microphones provided in each delegation would facilitate their ability to be recognized; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee requests that the Standing Committee on Arrangements and the Temporary Convention Chair ensure that there is an active microphone available to each State Delegation Chair so that he or she may allow its use by individual delegates who wish to speak in debate or make other motions as allowed by rules;

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee requests that the Secretary of the 2016 Republican National Convention, at the conclusion of voting for each state delegation, read back the number of votes cast for each candidate whose name is in nomination for President of the United States or Vice President of the United States, as set forth by Rule 16(a)(2);

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee requests that the Standing Committee on Arrangements make available a summary of the Rules of the National Convention and of the relevant Rules of the House of Representatives.

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RESOLUTION HONORING GOVERNOR ARCH A. MOORE, JR.

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2015, the Republican Party lost a beloved legend in West Virginia's former Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr.;

WHEREAS, Governor Moore served in the West Virginia Legislature for one term, the United States House of Representatives for six terms, as Governor of West Virginia for a record three terms and as a member of the Republican National Committee from 1963 - 1990;

WHEREAS, Governor Moore was born in 1926 in Moundsville, West Virginia and later attended Lafayette College, West Virginia University and the West Virginia University College of Law;

WHEREAS, while a Sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II, Governor Moore earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his service;

WHEREAS, in Congress, then Representative Moore was instrumental in creating the nation's foreign policy and policy in Vietnam;

WHEREAS, Governor Moore chaired the National Governors' Conference, the Republican Governors' Conference, and served as president of the council of State Governments, Education Commission of the United States and co-chaired the Appalachian Regional Commission;

WHEREAS, Governor Moore's tenure as governor saw advances in infrastructure, major developments in K-12 and higher education, strong support for the coal industry, fiscal responsibility and great benefits to West Virginia;

WHEREAS, Governor Moore's passion and love for West Virginia was second only to his love for his family;

WHEREAS, Governor Moore's political legacy lives on in his daughter U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito;

WHEREAS, Governor Moore will be deeply missed and his service to his state, nation and the Republican Party will be remembered for generations to come; therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee proudly honors and celebrates the life of Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr., who combined effective leadership and political skill for the best interests of West Virginia and the United States, and that we lift up his children, Senator Shelley Moore Capito, Lucy Durbin and Arch A. Moore III, and the rest of his family with prayer and our heartfelt gratitude.

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RESOLUTION HONORING SENATOR EDWARD WILLIAM BROOKE, III

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2015, the Republican National Committee and the people of Massachusetts lost an inspirational friend and statesman in the passing of Senator Edward William Brooke, III; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee wishes to remember Senator Brooke as a trailblazer who faithfully served our nation, the State of Massachusetts, and our party; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brooke became the first African American elected to the office of State Attorney General from 1963-1967; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brooke became the first African American Senator elected by popular vote, where he then served as a Republican Senator from 1967 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brooke bravely served his country as an officer in the United States Army during World War II and earned a Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, upon being awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, President George W. Bush said "Senator Brooke is remembered for the high intellect and superb judgment he brought to the Senate"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brooke was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal in 2009; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee proudly honors and celebrates the life of Senator Edward William Brooke, III, a pioneer and a statesman whose determination and passion for public service inspired the lives of many, and extends their heartfelt condolences to all of Senator Brooke's family and friends.

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRATION REFORM AND STOPPING
PRESIDENT OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE AMNESTY**

WHEREAS, our broken immigration system continues to be a humanitarian, economic and national security concern, a majority of Americans citizens including Latinos believe the status quo is unacceptable and have consistently expressed in polls and demonstrated in elections over the past decade they support border security and immigration reform;

WHEREAS, a majority of Americans support legal immigration and oppose Obama's executive amnesty;

WHEREAS, America's current immigration system is premised upon obsolete public policy and outdated technology which should be replaced using the newest technology that focuses on the needs of the United States;

WHEREAS, President Obama has refused to work with Republicans in good faith to reform our immigration system or fully enforce our immigration laws, and instead has acted unilaterally through executive orders and by administrative rulemaking to rewrite America's immigration laws in violation of the U.S. Constitution Article I, Section 8, which provides Congress with the authority "to establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization," and furthermore; has violated the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRAIRA) as passed by Congress and signed into law by then President Clinton;

WHEREAS, the weak economic recovery of the past six years, the weakest since the Great Depression, as planned and implemented by President Obama and his administration, has failed to produce quality, full time jobs for unemployed workers and new job seekers; thus jeopardizing the future economic growth and prosperity for current and future Americans born or emigrating to the United States; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee calls upon both Democrat and Republican members of Congress, federal employees and the fifty states to take all legal steps necessary to end the lawlessness of this President and his administration and restore the rule of law under the Constitution of the United States of America;

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee calls upon the President and Congress to reform our immigration system in a way that fills the needs within the American economy and implements workplace enforcement of our immigration laws, protects the safety of our communities, and honors our nation's foundational principles;

RESOLVED, that while Congress and the President work to reform our current immigration system, the President must abide by his presidential oath and instruct the Department of Homeland Security to secure our borders and fully enforce the existing immigration laws as promulgated in IIRAIRA.

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RESOLUTION ON USING THE FEDERAL RULEMAKING MECHANISM AS A MEANS OF CREATING CENTRALIZED CONTROL

WHEREAS, federal agencies implement laws passed by Congress by utilizing the rulemaking process;

WHEREAS, inherent in the separation of powers, and specifically applicable to this situation, Congress has a duty to provide oversight to the activities of the executive branch, including the rules issued by federal agencies;

WHEREAS, the CRS states that the number of federal rules issued annually and the total number of pages in the *Federal Register* are often referred to as measures of the total federal regulatory burden;

WHEREAS, unfortunately, federal agencies have gone far beyond their duty to “implement” laws, as the number of regulations governing nearly every facet of American life continues to increase unabated;

WHEREAS, in 2014 alone, the *Federal Register* contained 78,978 pages of agency actions, of which there were 3,541 final rules and regulations, and 659 of those impact small businesses;

WHEREAS, another 2,375 regulations were proposed and are currently awaiting approval;

WHEREAS, a very strong argument can be made that centralized control is the ultimate aim of the vast majority of the total 5,916 new and proposed 2014 federal rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, the increasing importance of unelected federal agencies in structuring the legal environment in which American citizens and businesses operate, and the relative lack of oversight by Congress, represents an erosion of “representative” democracy;

WHEREAS, ever-increasing federal regulatory control can be devastating to a national economy, as reflected by the current economic conditions in the Eurozone; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee urges Republican lawmakers to implement a seldom used law – the Congressional Review Act – to void those rules and regulations that exceed the authority of federal agencies to implement laws passed by Congress;

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee urges the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to review all of the major rules and regulations issued during the past eight years;

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee urges individual Republican Congressmen and Senators to propose legislation to overhaul the federal regulatory regime to prevent unelected bureaucrats from setting federal policy.

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING OECD'S GLOBAL FATCA COMMON REPORTING STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) worldwide has been assisted by the United Nations-like "Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development" (OECD);

WHEREAS, OECD has devised intergovernmental agreements or "Automatic Exchange of Information: Common Reporting Standards" to avoid breaking privacy laws of other countries, but, they could infringe upon the constitutional rights and privacy all 318 million Americans;

WHEREAS, the central planners at the OECD devised the new global Common Reporting Standards to exchange financial data between governments so they can collect and share individual private financial information with any interested countries, at the country's request, without notifying individuals of the disclosure; putting the private financial data of all Americans in the hands of countries such as China and Russia;

WHEREAS, on October 29th 2014, the OECD succeeded in getting finance ministers from 51 countries to sign an agreement to automatically swap financial information; allowing 51 nations to delve into the privacy and sovereign rights of each nation without reasonable suspicion of criminal activity or any due process;

WHEREAS, the data exchange itself imposes crushing compliance costs on U.S. domestic financial institutions that would be passed on to consumers and taxpayers; the investment bank consulting firm Crossbridge estimates that medium-sized banks will each spend between \$150 and \$200 million to comply;

WHEREAS, OECD's FATCA Common Reporting Standards violate the U.S. Constitution's Senate Treaty Power due to these statutorily unauthorized, non-treaty intergovernmental agreements between the U.S. Treasury and foreign governments;

WHEREAS, OECD's FATCA Common Reporting Standards negatively impact the U.S. economy, U.S. financial markets, U.S. security, American businesses operating abroad, and especially American citizens who work and reside overseas; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee hereby presents this Resolution to each Member of Congress and urges the U.S. Congress to investigate the U.S. Treasury Department's authority to implement OECD's Common Reporting Standards in America under FATCA intergovernmental agreements;

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee urges the U.S. Congress to withhold all funding for negotiation and implementation of OECD's Common Reporting Standards in FATCA intergovernmental agreements;

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee urges the U.S. Congress to change the OECD funding formula to cut back the United States' nearly 22% contribution to OECD's budget, revoking our status as the largest contributor to OECD.

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**RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE
JANUARY 2015 TERROR ATTACKS IN PARIS**

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2015, twelve innocent people were killed and eleven wounded by two terrorists targeting the Paris offices of the publication *Charlie Hebdo*, and five other innocent people were killed by at least one other terrorist in subsequent attacks in the following days;

WHEREAS, these killings were an act of terrorism on the people of France and perpetrated by radical jihadists who seek to destroy those who uphold the values of freedom and liberty;

WHEREAS, over 1.5 million people took to the streets of Paris on Sunday, January 11, 2015, to show their solidarity and to proclaim, “Je suis Charlie”;

WHEREAS, the continued threats to the United States and other countries require us to stand with our allies in the global war on terror;

WHEREAS, the Obama administration has admitted it was a mistake for a higher profile Administration official not to attend the solidarity march alongside other world leaders;

WHEREAS, freedom of the press and freedom of speech are cornerstones of a free society and must be defended; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee stands in solidarity with the people of France in defense of our shared values of freedom of speech and the press and against terrorism;

RESOLVED, that we honor the memory and the lives of the victims;

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee proclaims, “Je suis Charlie.”

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HONG KONG HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY ACT

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the United States to reaffirm the principles and objectives set forth in the United States – Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, namely that - the United States has “a strong interest in the continued vitality, prosperity, and stability of Hong Kong”; “support for democratization is a fundamental principle of United States foreign policy”; “the human rights of the people of Hong Kong are of great importance to the United States and are directly relevant to United States interests in Hong Kong”; human rights “serve as a basis for Hong Kong’s continued economic prosperity”; and “Hong Kong must remain sufficiently autonomous from the People’s Republic of China to justify a different treatment under a particular law of the United States, or any provision thereof, from that accorded the People’s Republic of China”;

WHEREAS, the policy is to support the democratic aspirations of the people of Hong Kong, as guaranteed to them by the Joint Declaration, the Basic Law, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, the policy is to urge the Government of the People’s Republic of China to uphold its commitments to Hong Kong, including allowing the people of Hong Kong to rule Hong Kong with a high degree of autonomy and without undue interference, and ensuring that Hong Kong voters freely enjoy the right to elect the Chief Executive and all members of the Hong Kong Legislative Council by universal suffrage;

WHEREAS, the policy is to support the establishment by 2017 of a genuine democratic option to freely and fairly nominate and elect the Chief Executive of Hong Kong, and the establishment by 2020 of open and direct democratic elections for all members of the Hong Kong Legislative Council;

WHEREAS, the policy is to support press freedom and journalistic independence, including the continuation of international broadcasting programming in Cantonese that is readily accessible to Cantonese speaking populations in China and in Hong Kong; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee supports the proposed Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, a bipartisan bill proposed by both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, in the above policy positions;

RESOLVED, upon the approval of this resolution, the Republican National Committee shall deliver a copy of this resolution to each Republican member of Congress, all Republican candidates for Congress, as they become known, and to each Republican state and territorial party office.

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