

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
HONORING THE MEMORY OF BARBARA ALBY**

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2012, the Republican National Committee lost a dear friend and valued member of our Republican family in the passing of Barbara Alby; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee wishes to recognize and honor Barbara's life and her legacy of public service; and

WHEREAS, Barbara was a life-long Republican who was raised with conservative roots; and

WHEREAS, Barbara served in the California State Assembly for six years and quickly earned the reputation of being a hardworking conservative leader who helped lead the Republican efforts in California; and

WHEREAS, Barbara served as the RNC National Committeewoman representing California for twelve years; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee celebrates the memory of Barbara Alby and expresses its heartfelt condolences to the entire Alby family.

RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL SANITY

WHEREAS, the 2012 Republican National Convention approved and passed a Platform which outlines the Republican Party's position on the economy in the section titled "Restoring the American Dream: Rebuilding the Economy and Creating Jobs"; and

WHEREAS, Republicans stand for a strong economy composed of self-reliance, capitalism and limited government interference where low taxes promote substantial economic growth and reduced entitlements allow for fiscal responsibility and reduced debt; and

WHEREAS, the Obama administration is jeopardizing every American's future by running up the federal deficit from just over \$10.7 trillion in 2008 to over \$16 trillion in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Obama administration has embarked on an unsustainable spending spree over the last four years amounting to: \$3.5 trillion for fiscal year 2009, \$3.5 trillion for fiscal year 2010, \$3.6 trillion for fiscal year 2011 and \$3.8 trillion for fiscal year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Obama administration fails to recognize the devastating consequences of having three federal entitlement programs - Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security - account for over 40 percent of total federal government spending, with future projections reaching catastrophic levels; and

WHEREAS, Obamacare, the ill-advised and oppressively heavy-handed federally mandated healthcare program which was rammed through the Congress, unfairly adds over \$820 billion in new taxes that must be shouldered by American taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Obama administration, in a veiled socialist-slanting tactic, seeks to redistribute wealth in America by increasing taxes on the wealthiest Americans and allow for increases in social welfare programs while disguising and denying the adverse impact of these policies on the average American; and

WHEREAS, in negotiations surrounding the fiscal cliff, President Obama made it very clear that he was not willing to negotiate in good faith or lead on the issue of reducing the exorbitant level of federal spending, but was willing, instead, to leave that important role to Congress; and

WHEREAS, Congress has a real opportunity to take a stand on prudent federal spending cuts in the upcoming debt ceiling debate; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee, in seeking to restore American fiscal sustainability and responsibility, calls for economic reform through tax policies that unite all Americans and do not attack categories of American people; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee supports firm and meaningful federal spending cuts and will support only those federal programs that are within the federal government's authority under the U.S. Constitution, effective and absolutely necessary, and sufficiently important to justify borrowing to fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee calls upon Congress to support only those measures that realistically strive to significantly reduce federal spending, effectively reduce the national debt, reduce the tax burden on all citizens, and reinvigorate America's national economy so that America's future is not squandered absent real spending cuts and entitlement reforms a debt ceiling increase should not be approved; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be transmitted in appropriate form and manner to each and every Republican member of the United States Congress.

As adopted by the Republican National Committee on January 25, 2013

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND
HONORING THE MEMORY OF DR. BEN CLAYBURGH**

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2013, the Republican National Committee and North Dakota State Committee lost a dear friend and respected colleague in the passing of Dr. Ben Clayburgh; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee wishes to recognize and honor Dr. Ben Clayburgh's achievements as a citizen and Republican activist; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ben Clayburgh, served his state of North Dakota with distinction as the Republican National Committeeman from 1968 to 1976 and again from 1980 to 1984; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee commends the life of and honors the memory of Dr. Ben Clayburgh and expresses its heartfelt condolences to the entire Clayburgh family.

**RESOLUTION HONORING SENATOR JIM DEMINT
SOUTH CAROLINA'S FIFTY-FIFTH UNITED STATES SENATOR**

WHEREAS, Senator Jim DeMint served with dignity and integrity as South Carolina's junior United States Senator from 2005 until 2013;

WHEREAS, Senator DeMint served South Carolina's Fourth Congressional District as United States Representative from 1999 until 2005;

WHEREAS, during his time as an elected leader, Senator DeMint recognized America's greatest challenges and sought conservative solutions for them;

WHEREAS, Senator DeMint's efforts successfully raised awareness among the American people; and

WHEREAS, he inspired millions to take action and elect a new generation of Republican leaders; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Members of the Republican National Committee express their sincere gratitude to Senator Jim DeMint for his selfless commitment and personal dedication with which he has served this nation.

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF FREDERICK
DOUGLASS, ESQUIRE, AN ABOLITIONIST AND NATIONAL LEADER OF THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Frederick Douglass, Esquire, was born a slave in Maryland in 1817, and, after escaping to the North to eventual emancipation, became an abolitionist and a national leader of the Republican Party following its establishment in 1854; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Douglass during the Civil War successfully urged President Abraham Lincoln and Congress to emancipate the 3,000 slaves held in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, after moving from New York, Frederick Douglass became a permanent resident of the nation's capital in 1870 and accepted a seat on the Republican Committee of the District of Columbia, serving concurrently as a precinct captain until his death in 1895; and

WHEREAS, the public service of Frederick Douglass included appointments to a seat in the upper chamber of the Territorial Legislature of the District of Columbia, offices of United States Marshall and Recorder of Deeds for the District, and as U. S. Minister to Haiti; and

WHEREAS, Republican Congressional leaders supported legislation enacted in the 112th Congress authorizing the Government of the District of Columbia to place a statue of Frederick Douglass in the Capitol of the United States of America; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Members of the Republican National Committee express their deep appreciation to Frederick Douglass for his lifetime devoted to advancing liberty and justice for all Americans, including those residing in the District of Columbia, our nation's capital.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF SKIP HEALEY

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2012, the Republican National Committee and Oklahoma State Committee lost a dear friend and respected colleague in the passing of Baren Skip Healey; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee wishes to recognize and honor Skip Healey's achievements as a citizen and Republican activist; and

WHEREAS, Skip Healey, a successful oilman and cattle rancher in Murray County, served his beloved state of Oklahoma with distinction as the Republican National Committeeman from 1972 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, Skip Healey was elected to and served on the Oklahoma State and Executive Committees for over 40 years, and served as the Budget/Finance Committee's Chairman over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Skip Healey served as a Delegate or an Alternate Delegate to every Republican National Convention from 1968 – 2004; and

WHEREAS, at these ten consecutive Republican National conventions, Skip Healey demonstrated leadership as a member of the Convention Committee on Rules, Platform, or Credentials, depending on the year; and

WHEREAS, Skip Healey's consistent and generous contributions of time, advice, and financial support were a humbling example of his dedication and mentorship of candidates, elected officials, and Party leaders over many decades in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Skip Healey's active involvement in Republican politics at the local, county, state and national levels redefined party building which led to establishing the annual Party Builder Award for Oklahoma named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Skip Healey's commitment and relentless dedication to the ideals and principles of the Republican Party inspired others to join and support the Party in Oklahoma, (which now holds the title of the "Reddest" State in the Union); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee commends the life of and honors the memory of Baren Skip Healey and expresses its heartfelt condolences to the entire Healey family.

RESOLUTION ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR PENSION CRISIS

WHEREAS, state and city governments have recently been projected to have approximately \$4.4 trillion in unfunded public pension liabilities; and

WHEREAS, the costs of these retirement promises have not been reported in a truthful manner to taxpayers or municipal bondholders owing to faulty accounting practices; and

WHEREAS, the principles of federalism dictate that each state and city government, not the U.S. Government, shall be responsible for the pension benefits it makes to its workers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, we call upon state and city governments to use standards of accounting that value their pension liabilities according to the principles of sound financial economics; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee calls upon both Democrat and Republican Members of Congress and the President to pass legislation forbidding a federal bailout of public pension liabilities for state and local governments.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND HOBBY LOBBY

WHEREAS, A Health and Human Services regulation promulgated to enable “The Affordable Care Act of 2010” also known as “Obamacare” now demands that employers pay for the contraceptive methods of their employees, including drugs that cause abortion; and

WHEREAS, these abortifacients violate the first “unalienable right,” the right to life (written in the Declaration of Independence) with which all human beings are endowed by their Creator and which is a preeminent tenet of Judeo-Christian religions; and

WHEREAS, Hobby Lobby, the craft store giant, operating over 500 stores in 42 states and employing over 13,000 full-time employees eligible for health care, will be forced to pay for insurance coverage that violates the religious principles held by owner, founder, and CEO David Green; and

WHEREAS, Hobby Lobby has provided health care for employees who are eligible; however, if the store refuses to comply with this new provision it could face a \$1.3 million per day in government fines; and

WHEREAS, Hobby Lobby has filed suit stating that, under the First Amendment to the Constitution, which states that Congress shall not pass laws prohibiting the free exercise of religion, the federal government does not have the authority to force a business to participate in a program that violates the business owner’s religious principles; and

WHEREAS, David Green, who has operated his company since 1970 according to his religious beliefs, has stated, “we seek to honor God by operating the company in a manner consistent with Biblical principles;” therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee stands with and commends the courageous actions of Mr. Green and Hobby Lobby to defend his right to operate his company according to his strongly and consistently held traditional religious principles.

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE SECOND AMENDMENT PLANK OF THE 2012 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL PLATFORM

WHEREAS, in August of 2012, duly elected Republican Delegates representing the grassroots of the Republican Party from throughout our great nation met at the National Convention in Tampa, Florida, and

WHEREAS, during that convention, the Convention Committee on Resolutions, constructed the Party's 2012 Platform, which was unanimously adopted by the Convention Committee on Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Republican National Platform contained a platform plank titled "*The Second Amendment: Our Right To Keep and Bear Arms*," (hereinafter "The Second Amendment Plank"), a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, The *2012 Republican National Platform* was formally adopted overwhelmingly by the Delegates then assembled at the Convention, including this strong Second Amendment Plank thereof; and

WHEREAS, within the last sixty (60) days, President Obama, Vice President Biden, Senator Feinstein and others within Congress have cynically and opportunistically seized upon the horrific tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, as an excuse to further their anti-gun and anti-freedom agenda by threatening legislation that, if passed, would stand diametrically in opposition to the positions stated within the Second Amendment Plank of the Republican National Platform; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee hereby restates and reaffirms the Second Amendment Plank of the 2012 Republican National Platform; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the attachment hereto be delivered to every Republican Member of the United States Congress.

Resolution to Constitute the Standing Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, many people are concerned about the rules process at the Convention Rules Committee;

WHEREAS, Rule 12 allows Rule 1-11 and 13-25 to be amended by a majority vote of the RNC Standing Committee on Rules (“Rules Committee”) and a seventy-five percent (75%) affirmative vote by the members of the RNC; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee on Rules of the Republican National Committee has not been constituted and therefore cannot consider proposed amendments under Rule 12 of *The Rules of the Republican Party* (the “Rules”); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Republican National Committee 1) will ask all states to submit their Rules Committee member by March 1, and 2) will call a meeting of the RNC in April of 2013 and conduct a Rules Committee meeting during this meeting for the purpose of considering amendments to Rules 1-11 and 13-25.

RESOLUTION TO REDISTRIBUTE PLANNED PARENTHOOD FUNDING

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood's most recent annual report stated that during fiscal year 2011-2012, Planned Parenthood received a record \$542 million in taxpayer funding in the form of government grants, contracts, and Medicaid reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, Taxpayer funding consists of 45% of Planned Parenthood's annual revenue; and

WHEREAS in 2011, Planned Parenthood performed a record high 333,964 abortions; and

WHEREAS, over the past three reported years (2009-2011), Planned Parenthood has performed nearly one million abortions (995,687); and

WHEREAS, in 2011, abortions made up 92% of Planned Parenthood's pregnancy services, while prenatal care and adoption referrals accounted for only 7% (28,674) and 0.6% (2,300), respectively; and

WHEREAS, for every adoption referral, Planned Parenthood performed 145 abortions; and

WHEREAS, despite Planned Parenthood's claims that it offers women's healthcare services, cancer screening & prevention services provided by Planned Parenthood have dropped by 29% since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood reported \$87.4 million in excess revenue, and more than \$1.2 billion in net assets; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee calls upon Democrats and Republicans in Congress and the President to ensure that women do not suffer from lack of cancer screening and preventative services, by directing that such amounts as are currently being used by Planned Parenthood for screening will be diverted to organizations that specialize in cancer screening for women and who have not cut back on those services.

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