



## **Republican National Committee**

### **Counsel's Office**

#### **RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND HONORING THE MEMEORY of DEMARUS K. CARLSON**

WHEREAS, On October 2, 2013, the Republican National Committee and the Nebraska Republican Party lost a dear friend and colleague in the passing of Demarus “De” Carlson; and

WHEREAS, The Republican National Committee benefited from De’s eight years as Committeewoman from Nebraska (2004-2012) when she served on Executive Committee, Redistricting Committee and as Secretary for the Midwest Region; and

WHEREAS, De leaves a host of friends at the RNC who knew her as a stately lady of Republican principles, boundless energy and a welcoming smile; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Mike Johanns said of her, “De had her finger on the pulse of Nebraska with a remarkable and unmatched grasp of state politics. Candidates for public office lined up to see her and to learn from her. She was an inspiring Republican, a great American and a woman of impeccable character”; and

WHEREAS, De was the Nebraska Republican Party’s Treasurer for 6 years, and an integral member of the Nebraska Republican Party’s Central Committee and Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, De broke new ground for women as candidate for Nebraska’s Legislature from Nebraska’s northeast region; and later as candidate for Lieutenant Governor; and

WHEREAS, Until her death, De was member if Nebraska’s Educational Lands and Funds Board, overseeing public lands leases for the benefit of Nebraska’s students; and

WHEREAS, De and her husband Jim (Doc) Carlson owned and operated Stockman’s Veterinary Clinic and Upper Missouri Trading Company; were active supporters and defenders of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment: promoted and participated in hunting and conservation activities, served as representatives for the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, were founding members of Operation Game Thief and gathered petition signatures for a successful effort to add the Second Amendment to the Nebraska constitution; and

WHEREAS, De was a loving and devoted wife to Doc, mother to Scott and Sheryl, grandmother to five and great-grandmother to two; and recognized as “Mrs. Nebraska” early in their 55 years of marriage; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee commends the life of and honors the memory of Demarus K. Carlson and express its condolences to her family and friends.

*\*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on January 24, 2014.*