



## **Republican National Committee**

**Counsel's Office**

### **RESOLUTION TO RESTORE UNITED STATES MILITARY MORALE**

WHEREAS, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has stated that projected ten year cuts in the defense budget are “too fast, too much, too abrupt and too irresponsible” affecting the ability of the United States military to do their job effectively, as well as, negatively impacting troop morale due to the nonverbal message these cuts send;

WHEREAS, The Defense Department, in lieu of it being faced with budget cuts that security experts predict will negatively affect military pay, morale, and missions, is moving forward with expensive renewable energy projects “as part of President Obama’s vision of a military that’s run on clean fuel;”

WHEREAS, Pentagon Comptroller Robert Hale is concerned about the “low morale” of the Pentagon workforce due to uncertainty in the future budget and proposed cuts, stating that he does not “remember ever seeing this much uncertainty;”

WHEREAS, The budget deal avoiding a January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 partial government shutdown cuts military retiree benefits by \$6 billion over the next 10 years which Senator Kelly Ayote, R-N.H., states is “unacceptable;” and

WHEREAS, It has been reported that according to Major General Paul E. Vallely (Ret.), the Obama administration has conducted a major purge of senior officers, with almost 200 relieved of duty over Obama’s five years as commander-in-chief and nine generals this year alone, many of which Vallely claims were due to speaking out against the policies of the Administration; as well as, Vallely believes that this fear of retaliation has led to a decrease in troop morale and a lack of expertise in decision making; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls upon Congress to restore troop morale by restoring the inappropriate cuts in the defense budget and create a proper budget that focuses on the actual purposes of the Defense Department and that will insure that all military personnel be protected, supported and receive what they need to be effective in their military service;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls upon Congress to restore troop morale by assuring all career military personnel that they will be supported and receive the medical care they need in their retirements; and

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls upon Congress to restore troop morale by investigating and, when necessary, prosecuting complaints of retaliation against ranking officers for exercising their Constitutional rights in expressing opinions and ideas.

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