



Republican National Committee

Counsel's Office

RESOLUTION AGAINST HARRY REID USING TAXPAYER FUNDS FOR PARTISAN ATTACKS

WHEREAS, the United States Senate Ethics Manual says Senators hold their offices to advance the interests of their constituents and the American people, not to engage in campaign activities using staff, equipment and facilities paid for with public funds; and

WHEREAS, Senate Rules prohibit Members of the Senate from using websites located on the Senate.gov domain for partisan political campaign purposes and prohibit using official resources for partisan political purposes; and

WHEREAS, as stated in the Senate Ethics Manual, a public office is a public trust and Senators are expected to exercise good judgment to earn the public's trust; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 9, 2014, United States Senator Harry Reid's official website featured a post entitled "The Facts About the Koch Brothers," which levels more than a dozen hyperbolic attacks against the Koch Brothers; and

WHEREAS, in tandem with this post, Senator Reid's official Twitter account tweeted out a professionally-created graphic depicting two men wearing suit jackets emblazoned with the Koch Industries, Inc. logo stating "Republican senators might as well wear Koch insignias to denote their sponsorship"; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Members of the Republican National Committee condemn Senator Reid's attacks on private citizens and call on the U.S. Senate Ethics Committee to fully investigate whether Senator Reid's actions violate applicable laws and Senate Rules and take action to sanction him appropriately.

**As adopted by the Republican National Committee on May 9, 2014.*