

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE IRS SCANDAL

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the federal government was established in a place of authority to serve all the population of the United States in a fair, truthful, and non-partisan manner no matter which political party is in power; because, using such a department to harass political rivals is totally unacceptable to the American people; and,

WHEREAS, conservative organizations and tea party groups seeking legal tax-exempt status from the IRS have been experiencing extra scrutiny, long delays, interrogative questioning, excessive requests for personal information, and other intimidations since before March of 2010; and,

WHEREAS, conservative non-profit organizations and individual conservative and Republican donors have been the target of abusive and repeated IRS audits; and,

WHEREAS, since the IRS scandal story has been reported in the media the Congressional quest to find who is responsible for the unconstitutional actions has been met with a series of misstatements and elusive actions by Obama administration personnel; and,

WHEREAS, we now know from the testimony of senior IRS attorneys before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee that the office of the IRS Chief Counsel, which is run by William Wilkins, a direct appointee of President Obama, was involved in the review of conservative organizations; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee requests that Congress continue its investigation into the IRS targeting of conservative groups and individual conservative and Republican donors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the IRS put in place an open and transparent process to ensure that the targeting of any particular group be stopped immediately and persons involved in the scandal be immediately removed from employment without severance packages or bonus money; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Members of the Republican National Committee urge Congressional Republican leaders to initiate a complete review of the IRS and the federal income tax system and then strongly consider a simple flat tax or fair tax and/or elimination of the income tax as well as the elimination of the IRS altogether.