

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS
OF
JACK F. KEMP**

WHEREAS, throughout his life Jack Kemp distinguished himself in every field he entered; and

WHEREAS, in the field of athletics he was a preeminent quarterback, a veteran of 13 seasons of professional football at the time of his retirement, having played in the Canadian Football League, the American Football League and the National Football League, having captained teams of both the San Diego Chargers and the Buffalo Bills, having been selected for the American Football League All-Star game seven times, having played in the American Football League championship game five times, and having won the American Football League Most Valuable Player award in 1965 after leading the Buffalo Bills to a second consecutive league championship; and

WHEREAS, in the field of politics he was a preeminent Republican leader and speaker, having served 18 years as a member of the United States House of Representatives, having served four years as Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to President George H. W. Bush, having been a candidate for the Republican nomination for President in 1988 and having been the Republican nominee for the office of Vice President in 1996; and

WHEREAS, he was an extremely effective advocate of sound economic principles, including free markets and simplified lower taxes, and became known as a champion of “Chicago school” and supply-side economic policies which produced the Kemp-Roth tax cuts of the 1980s and years of prosperity for the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, his life and legacy are an immense credit to the Republican Party; it is therefore

RESOLVED that the Republican National Committee expresses its deep appreciation for the service of Jack Kemp to the Republican Party and to the people of the United States of America, acknowledges the great loss occasioned by his death on May 2, 2009, and expresses its deepest sympathy to his family.

Adopted by the Republican National Committee, May 20, 2009

RNC RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE DEMOCRATS' MARCH TOWARD SOCIALISM

WHEREAS, the American Heritage Dictionary defines socialism as a *system of social organization in which the means of producing and distributing goods is owned by a centralized government that often plans and controls the economy*; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has outlined their plans to nationalize the banking, financial and healthcare industries; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has proposed massive government bailouts for the mortgage and auto industries; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has passed trillions of dollars in new government spending, all with strings attached in order to control nearly every aspect of American life; and

WHEREAS, *Newsweek* reported recently, "Whether we like it or not – or even whether many people have thought much about it or not – the numbers clearly suggest that we are headed in a more European direction...As entitlement spending rises over the next decade, we will become even more French;" and

WHEREAS, *The Wall Street Journal* reported recently, "But tucked away in the spending bill is a change that will both reduce work and increase welfare by paying states to increase their welfare caseloads;" and

WHEREAS, history has demonstrated that free markets and free men are the only way to prosperity and have been the bedrock of the United States economy; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party seeks to expand government control of the daily lives of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party and its leadership have dedicated themselves to a new taxing objective of direct income redistribution which takes additional taxes from one group of people and gives it in direct cash transfers to another group of people who pay no federal income taxes; and

WHEREAS, the American traditions of hard work and free enterprise are at risk as the Democratic Party pushes our country towards European-style socialism and government control; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we the members of the Republican National Committee recognize the Democratic Party's clear and obvious purpose in proposing, passing, and implementing socialist programs through federal legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we the members of the Republican National Committee recognize that the Democratic Party is dedicated to restructuring American society along socialist ideals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we the members of the Republican National Committee call on the American people to urge the President, the Congress and the Democratic Party to remember what made our country great and to stop pushing our country towards socialism and governmental control.

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RNC RESOLUTION COMMENDING REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR THEIR OPPOSITION TO BAILOUTS AND RECKLESS SPENDING

WHEREAS, the 2008 Republican National Platform advocates “lower taxes, reasonable regulation, and smaller, smarter government” and calls for tax relief, not big government spending, as key to growing the economy; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee unanimously adopted a resolution in January, 2009, urging all Republican Members of Congress to oppose all bailout bills; and

WHEREAS, a number of bailout and “stimulus” bills considered by Congress during the past year have set our Nation on a march to socialism and have met increased Congressional Republican resistance:

- (1) 108 House Republicans and 15 Republican Senators voted against the Bank Bailout Bill;
- (2) 150 House Republicans voted against the Auto Bailout Bill;
- (3) All 176 House Republicans present and 38 Senate Republicans opposed the President’s “stimulus” bill, which was a bailout of state and local governments, as well as lavishing tax payer money on left wing special interest groups and causes; and

WHEREAS, the President recently proposed a budget which project yearly deficits that are nearly four times greater than any in history, amounting to an additional \$9.3 trillion in debt over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, the President’s budget passed, but over unanimous Republican opposition in both the House and Senate; and

WHEREAS, an effort to fast-track the President’s “Cap and Trade” energy tax, which would further cripple the U.S. economy, was defeated in the Senate with all 41 Republican Senators voting against it; and

WHEREAS, Republican Members of Congress have responded to the call of the Republican National Committee to oppose all bailout and reckless spending bills by now unanimously opposing them; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Members of the Republican National Committee commend the Members of Congress who have opposed the bailout, stimulus, and reckless spending bills, as well as the President’s unsustainable budget; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Members of the Republican National Committee call on Republican Members of Congress to continue to unite in opposition to the Democrat Party’s march to socialism and oppose all further “stimulus,” bailout and reckless spending bills.

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RNC RESOLUTION URGING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO ABANDON EARMARKS

WHEREAS, the United States of America is in an economic recession which threatens the economic stability of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2009, Congress passed President Obama's \$410 billion dollar omnibus spending bill, which will fund the federal government's programs for the remainder of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, President Obama's omnibus spending bill included 9,287 earmarks; and

WHEREAS, an earmark is a provision in legislation that directs funds to be used for special interests that are often wasteful and that are designed to help Members of Congress to get reelected; and

WHEREAS, earmarks are generally anonymous; under current congressional rules, there is no requirement that a Member identify his or her earmarks; and

WHEREAS, earmarks expand the federal government and are usually financed by tax increases or borrowed money from foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, earmarks do not go through the usual legislative process of being considered by the entirety of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives and thus are not subject to scrutiny through detailed hearings or public debate; and

WHEREAS, earmarks are not considered during the structuring of an actual bill, but are typically inserted into huge pieces of legislation during the conference stage, creating a prime opportunity for corruption; and

WHEREAS, Americans of all political parties and walks of life are opposed to earmarks; even President Obama himself during the presidential campaign promised to review line by line each item in the budget and to remove earmarks in all legislation or veto the legislation; however, he did not keep his word and has signed the above mentioned heavily earmarked spending bill; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in order to demonstrate integrity, fiscal responsibility and restraint, we the members of the Republican National Committee urge that the practice of earmarking be banned by congressional rule; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that we the members of the Republican National Committee urge all Republican Members of Congress to set the example and abandon all earmark practices immediately.

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