

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF JIM BURNETT

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2010, the Republican National Committee lost a dear friend and valued member of our Republican family in the passing of Jim Burnett; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee wishes to recognize and honor Jim's life and his legacy of public service; and,

WHEREAS, Jim was a life-long Republican who began his public service in 1967 as an intern for Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt of the 3rd District of Arkansas and later joined his staff; and,

WHEREAS, Jim served the legal community with distinction for over 35 years, having been elected Municipal Judge for the City of Clinton and for Van Buren County in 1974 – at the time, the youngest judge in the State of Arkansas – and serving as Juvenile Judge for Van Buren County, City Judge for Damascus, City Prosecutor for Clinton, and Commissioner for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas; and,

WHEREAS, Jim was appointed on several occasions by Governor Mike Huckabee to serve as Special Circuit Judge and as a Special Justice on the Arkansas Supreme Court; and,

WHEREAS, Jim was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve on the National Transportation and Safety Board (NTSB), during which time he served as Chairman from 1982 to 1988 and led the campaign to raise the minimum drinking age to 21 across the nation – a policy that saved more than an estimated 20,000 lives; and,

WHEREAS, in 1986, First Lady Nancy Reagan presented Jim with the National Commission Against Drunk Driving Award in recognition of his leadership of NTSB's efforts to reduce the threat of alcohol abuse to the safety of the nation's transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, Jim was a national leader on transportation safety issues, spearheading efforts to adopt federal rules addressing intoxication of railroad workers, which eventually led to mandatory drug and alcohol testing for transportation workers; and,

WHEREAS, in 1994, the IREI Air Safety Foundation of Japan recognized Jim for his leadership in aviation safety and accident prevention with a memorial in his honor, and in 1996, NASA and the United States Space Foundation inducted Jim into the Space Technology Hall of Fame for his work in promoting a fire-resistant aircraft seat; and,

WHEREAS, Jim was an avid supporter of Republican politics throughout his life, attending his first Republican National Convention in 1960 when he was 12 years old and

ultimately serving as Arkansas National Committeeman to the Republican National Committee from 2004 until his death; and,

WHEREAS, Jim never forgot his roots by staying active in the Arkansas Republican Party, serving as a member of the state party's Executive Committee and its Rules Committee, and well as serving as its General Counsel; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee celebrates the memory of our friend Jim Burnett and expresses its heartfelt condolences to the entire Burnett family.

As approved by the Republican National Committee, August 6, 2010

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOSEPHINE LOUISE GOOD

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2010, the Republican National Committee lost a dear friend and colleague in the passing of Josephine Louise Good; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee wishes to recognize and honor Josephine's achievements as a citizen and Republican supporter; and,

WHEREAS, Josephine avidly followed Republican politics, having moved to Washington, D.C. in 1940; and,

WHEREAS, Josephine served on the staff of four different members of Congress, and as Confidential and Administrative Aide to Arthur E. Summerfield, Postmaster General of the United States from 1953 to 1956; and,

WHEREAS, Josephine served under twelve Republican National Committee chairmen, including President George H.W. Bush, Senator Bob Dole and Senator Bill Brock, and was instrumental in coordinating the planning and organization of seven Republican National Conventions from 1956 through 1980; and,

WHEREAS, Josephine was also instrumental in the planning of Republican National Committee meetings and compilation of its historical records, serving as curator of the Republican National Committee's museum of political memorabilia; and,

WHEREAS, Josephine served in the SPARS, the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve from 1943 until 1946, retiring with the rank of Chief Yeoman; and,

WHEREAS, Josephine was appointed by Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service in 1973, and was a champion for the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, serving on its Board of Directors from 1990 until 1998; and,

WHEREAS, Josephine's active involvement in Republican politics and dedication to public service is an inspiration to women across the country; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee celebrates the memory of Josephine Louise Good and expresses its heartfelt condolences to the entire Good family.

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RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is only required by the U.S. Constitution in Article 1 Section 2 to enumerate the population of the U.S. every ten (10) years for the purpose of apportioning Members of the House of Representatives among the states; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau has, over the years, progressively added more and more “survey questions” to the census, going far beyond the scope of just counting people; and,

WHEREAS, objections by the American public to this intrusive questioning caused the elimination of the census “long form,” which 1/6 of the population received in census years through 2000; and,

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau in the past decade has replaced the census “long form” with the American Community Survey (ACS) which is sent every year to three million (3,000,000) American households (250,000 per month, 1 in 40 households), and since 2005, to housing units in all counties in the fifty (50) states, the District of Columbia and all seventy-eight (78) municipios in Puerto Rico; and,

WHEREAS, the twenty-eight (28) page ACS is an invasion of privacy that demands detailed personal information that the government has no business seeking, knowing, or compiling; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution (Amendment IV) provides that “the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated,” and,

WHEREAS, the ACS is delivered under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141, 193, and 221 which makes response mandatory and by Title 18 which imposes penalties for not responding, but the Bureau does not clearly state what the penalties are in its mailed documents; and,

WHEREAS, specific questions about the respondent’s personal finances are asked, including the value of their home, their yearly income from all sources, what they paid in personal property taxes, their mortgage payment, and what insurance they have, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, specific questions about the respondent’s employment are asked including naming their employer, stating exactly what they do at work, what hours they work, when they leave the house to go to work and how long it takes to get to work, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, very specific questions about the respondent’s personal life are asked including full name, sex, race, complete birthday, how many times they have been married, if they have been widowed or divorced in the last year, physical and mental health history, and even if the respondent has given birth to any children in the past year, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, specific questions about the respondent's home and possessions are asked, including how many bedrooms in their house, do they have a flush toilet and a sink with faucet; how many cars, trucks or vans do they have, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, specific questions about the respondent's education level from nursery school to college are asked, including listing degrees they have received; and,

WHEREAS, many of these questions seek information we are warned never to divulge to a stranger, but the Census Bureau acts exactly as a scam artist would, asking very personal questions and using fear of penalties to manipulate the respondent to answer; and,

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau has used tactics such as harassing letters, phone calls, agent visits and even questioning neighbors to get information about respondents; and,

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau has the power to impose upon a respondent who refuses to answer the over seventy-five (75) questions, fines of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each unanswered question, five hundred dollars (\$500) for each falsely answered question, and up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in total fines; and,

WHEREAS, though the Census Bureau purports to guarantee confidentiality, it shares its collected information with many other governmental agencies, uses multitudes of temporary employees, and in some cases sells the information, further exposing individuals to the criminal use of information and identity theft; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee recognizes that the Census Bureau has gone far above and beyond the constitutionally intended purpose of enumerating people and is conducting a dangerous invasion of privacy by the overreaching and intimidating implementation of the American Community Survey; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee recognizes that the Census Bureau is spending millions of tax dollars to violate the rights and invade the personal privacy of United States Citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee supports either the elimination of the American Community Survey or the enactment of HR 3131 sponsored by Representative Ted Poe of Texas (introduced 7/08/09), which would make any response to the ACS voluntary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of this resolution the Republican National Committee shall deliver a copy of this resolution to each of the Republican members of Congress, all Republican candidates for Congress, and to each Republican state and territorial party office.

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION AND TROOPS IN THE WAR ON TERROR

WHEREAS, the United States military has performed heroically in containing and defeating the forces of terrorism, including Al-Qaida and the Taliban, in their sanctuaries in some of the most remote and dangerous parts of the world; and,

WHEREAS, it is critical to the interests of the United States that the forces of terrorism be defeated wherever they may be found, including Iraq and Afghanistan, and made incapable of harming the citizens of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of military men and women and their families from across our country have shown remarkable patriotism and made great sacrifices in order to defend our way of life and protect the liberty and freedom this nation has stood for throughout its history; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican Party expresses its unanimous support for the objective of the complete defeat of the forces of terrorism which have attacked the United States, and its deep gratitude and appreciation for the selfless commitment of, and its unanimous support for, the United States military personnel who are engaged in that mission.

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

WHEREAS, the United States has a rich tradition of extending the promise and opportunity of America to immigrants who legally enter her borders; and,

WHEREAS, America recognizes the contributions that generations of immigrants legally entering the country have made to the economy and culture of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, immigration that is both legal and controlled allows immigrants coming to America to openly assimilate into the culture of their adoptive home and, therefore, more readily reap the benefits available to all who reside legally within the borders of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government, through lax enforcement of the federal immigration laws, has failed to protect our nation's borders, our citizens and legal residents by stopping the flow of illegal border crossings; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona, to protect its citizens, legal residents and visitors, has therefore passed SB 1070 to enforce standing federal statutes concerning immigration; and,

WHEREAS, the Arizona law mirrors federal immigration law and does not provide any additional burdens on any person legally present in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, enforcement of the Arizona law explicitly prohibits profiling; and,

WHEREAS, the rule of law has been, and should continue to be, the basis of governance in this country; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee supports the State of Arizona's right and responsibility to provide security and stability for its citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee supports the State of Arizona's effort to protect its citizens, residents and visitors through the passage of SB 1070.

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**RESOLUTION ON OBAMACARE:
REPEAL AND REPLACE FOR FREE MARKET SOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration and the Democrats in Congress have passed HR 3590 The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA, also known as Obamacare) along a partisan, party-line vote, and this is the most sweeping expansion of government impacting 16 percent of our nation's gross domestic product; and,

WHEREAS, the result of this law will be to create a government takeover of the health care industry that will increase health care costs, raise taxes, hurt seniors, destroy jobs, reduce the quality of care that Americans will receive, restrict consumer choice, drive individuals off of private insurance, and reduce the ability of American companies to compete; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the PPACA could cause 10 million Americans who receive health insurance through their employer to lose this health insurance; in addition, CBO reports that premiums in the non-group market will increase by 10-13 percent as a result of the bill; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services will dictate what benefits insurers must offer and how much they may charge; and,

WHEREAS, PPACA will increase taxes on employers deemed not to be offering adequate insurance and will increase taxes on investment income, which will reduce the capital available for job expansion, reduce economic growth, and result in fewer jobs for Americans; and,

WHEREAS, the passage of PPACA has already caused American companies billions of dollars in write-downs because these companies project higher expenses and are required by Federal regulation to disclose material impacts to their operations; and,

WHEREAS, PPACA will harm seniors by cutting \$500 billion from Medicare, causing 8.5 million seniors to lose the health insurance they currently have; and,

WHEREAS, the new investment tax, at President Obama's proposed rate of 2.9 percent, would reduce household disposable income by \$17.3 billion a year; and,

WHEREAS, other new taxes imposed by PPACA will kill jobs in industries ranging from medical devices to tanning parlors; and,

WHEREAS, PPACA will cost \$2.5 trillion, adding to our already huge debt, and the provisions of the law aimed at reducing health care spending address the symptoms of the costs of health care rather than the root causes of growth in spending; instead of reducing spending in health care, the bill will increase overall health spending in the U.S. by \$222 billion between now and 2019; and,

WHEREAS, PPACA uses budget gimmicks – such as delaying expensive provisions in the law and counting 10 years of taxes against six years of spending – to appear to reduce the budget deficit, when, in reality, it will increase the budget deficit, and a recent CBO report shows that the PPACA is fiscally unsustainable with unrealistic assumptions such as huge cuts in payments to doctors, hospitals and nursing homes, and will contribute to 109% of GDP debt by 2025; and,

WHEREAS, numerous corrupt back room deals, including the “Cornhusker Kickback,” “Gator Aide,” “Louisiana Purchase” and “Dodd Hospital,” were required to be added to the PPACA before it could be passed by the Senate to entice legislators to pass this terrible law; and,

WHEREAS, PPACA will require the federal government to create 159 new bureaucracies and hire 16,000 new IRS agents to implement and enforce PPACA; and,

WHEREAS, the result of this law will be to create a government takeover that will increase health care costs, as well as increase funding to the abortion industry and subsidized abortions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee completely rejects PPACA and calls for the complete repeal of PPACA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee calls upon every Republican Member of Congress to commit to the 100% repeal of PPACA through cosponsorship of HR 4972, stand-alone legislation, and to do so, at the earliest practical opportunity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee calls upon every Republican Member of the House of Representatives to sign the Discharge Petition #11 that requires 218 signatures to require a vote on the House floor for the repeal of PPACA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that to the end of avoiding top-down, command-and-control mandates, we must take measured steps to reform our health care system that will allow for frequent midcourse corrections through the passage of smaller bills to replace the PPACA with sustainable, free market solutions such as tort reform and allowing individuals to buy insurance across state lines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of this resolution the Republican National Committee shall deliver a copy of this resolution to each of the Republican members of Congress, all Republican candidates for Congress as they become known, and to each Republican state and territorial party office.

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