

RESOLUTION

HARRIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE ORANGE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CENSURING SPEAKER DADE PHELAN

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2023, the **Orange** County Republican Party Executive **Committee** met and **voted** on a Resolution to Censure **Speaker Dade Phelan**, Texas House Rep. District 21. **The** vote **was** 14 yeas, and only **6 nays**; therefore, a number **greater than two-thirds of the** votes cast.

WHEREAS, **State** Representative **Dade Phelan**, as Speaker of the **Texas** House of Representatives, **has abused** the power of his office and his authority as **Speaker** by taking more than three actions during **this** current biennium that are either in opposition to **the** core principles of the Republican Party of **Texas**, in **opposition** to **the** Republican Party of **Texas** **Legislative Priorities**, or both; and

WHEREAS, on **February 8**, 2023, in **disregard** of **Republican Party** of **Texas** **Legislative** Priority Number **Five (No. 5)**, "**Ban Democrat Chairs**," **Speaker Phelan** appointed nine (9) Texas Democratic Party **state** representative to committee chairmanship position **within** the **Texas** **House** of **Representatives**; **the** Democrats assigned to committee **chairs** included: Oscar Longoria - Business and **Industry**, **Able** Herrero - Corrections, Victoria **Neave Criado** - County **Affairs**, Joseph Moody - Criminal Jurisprudence, Harold V. Dutton - Juvenile Justice & Family **Issues**, **Tracy King** - Natural **Resources**, **R. D. "Bobby" Guerra** - **Resolutions Calendars**, **Terry Canales** - **Transportation**, and **Senfronia** Thompson - Select **Committee on Youth Health and Safety**; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Republican Primary **Ballot** Proposition Number **6** voter results show **that a vast** majority of Republican voters (**81.24%**) statewide, and a higher percentage of Harris County **Republican voters**, **demand**ed **that the** Republican-controlled **Texas** **Legislature** end **the** practice of awarding committee **chairmanships** to Democrats; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, a number of prominent Harris County **Republicans**, **including** members of the **Harris** County Executive Committee, elected officials, and concerned voters sent letters and/or **emails** to State **Representative Dade** Phelan **urging** him, "to **prohibit and** refrain from appointing any Democrat House members as chair **of any** House committee; **and**

WHEREAS, in House Speaker **Phelan's** conscious decision **to appoint** multiple Democrat **chairs**

to important House committees in direct opposition to **both the** Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priorities and **the express position of well over 80%** of the most recent statewide Texas Republican Party Primary election voters, **the consequence of Phelan's appointments thereby also places Speaker Phelan in violation of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth and ninth core principles of the RPT 2022 Platform,** and

WHEREAS, Speaker Phelan appointed pro-abortion Democrat **State** Representative Joseph Moody (**Texas Right to Life, Pro-Life score of 0**) to **chair the** House Criminal **Jurisprudence** Committee and **assigned** HB 2709, "The **Abolish** Abortion in **Texas** Act," **which** fulfilled **Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priority Number Six (No. 6) "Abolish Abortion in Texas,"** to the House **Criminal**

Jurisprudence Committee chaired **by Representative** Moody, thereby ensuring the Bill would die in committee, and never receive a hearing; and

WHEREAS, on **February 28, 2023,** Speaker Phelan promoted **HR 85,** a resolution honoring the religious **liberty-intolerant LGBT (LGBTQQIP2SAA)** community, **by** allowing the resolution to be **referred to the House Resolution Calendars Committee in violation of the first and sixth core principles of the Republican Party of Texas;** and

WHEREAS, on **May 9, 2023** Speaker Phelan allowed **HB 202** die **by sustaining** a spurious point of order, **in violation of RPT Legislative Priority Number Two (No. 2): "Secure the Border and Protect Texans."** **HB 20 would have created a Border Protection Unit under the control of the State of Texas to "arrest, apprehend, or detain persons crossing the Texas-Mexico border unlawfully," and invoke Section 10, Article 1, of the United States Constitution to authorize this unit to return aliens to Mexico who have been observed crossing the border unlawfully and to use force to repel, arrest, and detain known transnational cartel operatives in the border region, among other duties. HB 20 was identified as a priority by the Speaker himself, but at his sole discretion, he accepted a point of order raised by Democrat Representative on a matter of opinion regarding the caption of the Bill, and thus, preventing the Bill from ever being voted on in the Texas House.**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Harris County **Republican Party Executive** Committee supports the necessary action taken by **the** Orange County Republican Party Executive Committee, and **the** Executive Committee of **the** Republican Party of **Harris** County, a quorum being **present, hereby** applaud the demand by **the** Orange County **Republican Party Executive Committee** to seek **the** censure of Speaker Dade Phalen, a **public** office holder representing **all of Harris County as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives;** and be it further

RESOLVED, we request **the state** Republican executive committee and the delegates to **the** next state convention of **the Republican** Party of **Texas** concur with the **Orange County Republican** Party Executive Committee's resolution **of** censure **and hereby implore the Republican** Party of **Texas to initiate** the **process** triggered **by** the censure vote to impose **upon Rep. Dade Phelan** any **and all remedies** provided **in the Rules the** Republican Party **of Texas**; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an official **copy of this** resolution be **prepared** and transmitted **to the Chairman** of the **Republican Party** of **Texas, the Governor of Texas, the** Lieutenant **Governor of Texas, the** House Speaker of **Texas, and the** SREC Representatives of Senatorial **Districts 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, & 18. Last, a copy of this** resolution be transmitted to the various **Texas** news organizations.

Adopted this **18th** day of September, 2023, **Harris County, Texas.**

Respectfully
Submitted,

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Harris County Precinct 661, Chairman

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