

A Resolution of Censure of Texas House Representative Andrew Murr, District 53.

WHEREAS, Rule 44 of the Republican Party of Texas allows the party to sanction a Republican office holder who takes three or more actions during a biennium in opposition to the core principles of the Republican Party of Texas (“core principles”) or to the Legislative Priorities adopted at the most recent State Convention; and

WHEREAS, the current biennium as defined by the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas began when the State Convention adjourned on June 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Texas House Representative Andrew Murr represents Medina County as a Republican public officeholder for District 53; and

WHEREAS, Texas House Representative Andrew Murr voted (House Roll Call on January 11, 2023) with the Democrat majority in favor of electing Representative Dade Phelan as Speaker of the House with foreknowledge that Representative Phelan would appoint Democratic Chairs in a Texas House Republican majority legislature as he had done in the 87th Legislative Session. Such vote was in opposition to Legislative Priority Number 5 “Ban Democrat Chairs” to ensure all legislative Republican priorities are given a fair opportunity to become law. With the support of Representative Murr, Speaker of the House Dade Phelan then appointed for the 88th Legislative Session the following democrat chairs in opposition to the Preamble of the Party Platform and resulting in non-passage of legislation filed to support core principles and Legislative Priorities and in passage of legislation in opposition to core principles and Legislative Priorities:

- Joe Moody (Criminal Jurisprudence) El Paso
- Abel Herrero (Corrections) Robstown
- Victoria Neave Criado (County Affairs) Dallas County
- Harold Dutton (Juvenile Justice and Family Issues) Houston
- Senfronia Thompson (Select Committee on Youth Health and Safety) Houston
- Oscar Longoria (Business and Industry) Mission
- Tracy King (Natural Resources) Uvalde
- Bobby Guerra (Resolutions Calendars) Edinburg
- Terry Canales (Transportation) Edinburg

WHEREAS, Texas House Representative Andrew Murr (April 6, 2023 House Record Vote: 111) voted in favor of HB1 Amendment 45 by Herrero (D-Robstown) to prohibit use of Appropriated Money for School Vouchers or other similar programs. Such Act prohibited money appropriated from being used to pay for or support a school voucher, including an education savings account, tax credit scholarship program, or a grant or other similar program to which a child may use state money for non-public primary or secondary education. This action was in opposition to the seventh core principle and the eighth Legislative Priority of Parental Rights and Educational Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Texas House Representative Andrew Murr (April 18, 2023 House Record vote: 175) voted in favor of HB 1635. HB 1635 sought to have the state interfere with private political party processes ultimately preventing a political party from controlling who affiliates with them. HB

1635 represented government overreach seeking to protect individuals that wish to not be disciplined by the party and the will of the delegates that make up their party. This action was in opposition to the third, fourth, fifth and ninth core principles; and

WHEREAS, Texas House Representative Andrew Stevenson Murr, acting as Chair of the Committee on General Investigating (CGI) engaged in a pattern of action demonstrably opposed to the first, third, fourth, fifth and eighth core principles by:

1. Moving to impeach Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and thereby overturning the will of the November 2022 voters in opposition to the third principle as more particularly described in

- a. the Republican Party of Texas Resolution Condemning the Impeachment of Attorney General Ken Paxton dated June 20, 2023 (being entirety adopted by this body), and
- b. dishonoring fundamental constitutional rights and protections of due process in opposition to core principle one and the Preamble of the Platform of the Party, and
- c. admitting to knowingly fail to present any sworn testimony for consideration by house members as required by Texas Government Code §301.022 in opposition to the first, third, fourth and fifth core principles, and
- d. failing to provide Attorney General Paxton notice, the opportunity to prepare, or be heard or to present evidence in his defense or to cross-examine witnesses, contrary to the U.S. Constitution Amendments IV, V, VI, XIV and to the precedent established by the Texas House of Representatives in the 1975-76 Carrillo impeachment proceeding in opposition to the Preamble of the Republican Party of Texas Platform and core principles one, three, five, and eight, and

2. Distributing a Memorandum on May 26, 2023 (“Memorandum”) to the Members of the House of Representatives hours before a vote on the floor for impeachment that compromised the Attorney General’s right to a fair trial, right to be heard and presumption of innocence by misstating mere opinions as facts never found or adjudicated, stating: “Because of Paxton’s long-standing pattern of abuse of office and public trust, disregard and dereliction of duty, and obstruction of justice and abuse of judicial process, it is imperative the House proceed with impeachment ...” Such action was in opposition to the Preamble of the Party Platform and core principles one, three, four, five and eight, and

3. Falsely stating in his Memorandum that the Texas Supreme Court opined in the *In Re Carrillo* case of 1976 by stating: “The Court explained that Section 665.081 only applies...” when Section 665.081 of the Texas Government Code did not become effective until September 1, 1993, seventeen (17) years later. This false predicate being an effort to further lead house members to an impeachment vote was in opposition to the Preamble of the Party Platform and principles one, three, four, five and eight; and

WHEREAS, the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) for reasons stated in its Resolution dated June 20, 2023 has called upon Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick to declare the impeachment of the Attorney General Ken Paxton to render judgment that the House of Representatives failed to satisfy due process, to comply with applicable Texas law, precedent and

to dismiss the articles of impeachment with prejudice, permitting Attorney General Ken Paxton to resume his duties as the duly elected Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, Texas House Representative Andrew Stevenson Murr was absent for an important vote for SJR 35, (excused to attend a meeting on the General Investigating Committee) that would have amended the Texas Constitution to require United States citizenship to vote. Such measure failed by 88 voting “yes” and 54 voting “present, not voting” and no house member voting “no”. The bill died, failing to receive 100 votes. Not wanting to be left out from the record, Texas House Representative Andrew Stevenson Murr wrote in the House Journal on page 5197 regarding the record vote, #2041 that had he been present, he would have noted “no”, making him the only lawmaker to vote against SJR 35. Such action by Representative Murr was in direct opposition to the Preamble of the Party Platform, core principle three and Legislative Priority one “Protect Elections”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Rule 44 of the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas Representative Murr has been duly notified and invited to attend the County Executive Committee (CEC) meeting of the Republican Party of Medina County on August 22, 2023 to appear and speak; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the bylaws of the Republican Party of Medina County, at its announced meeting on Sept 14, 2023 of duly sworn members of the executive committee and after it being determined that a quorum being present and after a vote of at least 2/3 majority of those present and voting and of at least 50% of all precinct chairs; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Rule 44 of the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas, the County Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Medina County hereby censures Texas Representative Andrew Stevenson Murr of the 53rd House District of Texas for foregoing described actions in opposition to either the Preamble of the Party Platform, core principles and the Legislative Priorities; and now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body call upon the State Republican Executive Committee to concur in this resolution of censure and impose upon Texas House Representative Andrew Murr, the full set of penalties as provided in Rules 44 of the Republican Party of Texas instanter; and now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an official copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas; and now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the Republican Party of Medina County, in solidarity with the Republicans across House District 53 and our state, and being stridently opposed to foregoing described actions of Texas House Representative Andrew Murr’s in opposition to Preamble of the Party Platform, core principles and the Legislative Priorities call upon all counties represented by Representative Murr to pass similar resolutions and upon all patriots outside of House District 53 to pass concurring resolutions in demonstration of the widespread dissatisfaction with Texas House Representative Andrew Murr’s abundantly demonstrated lack of fidelity to and

utter disdain for this Republic's founding principles, Constitutions of the United States and of Texas, and the Republican Party of Texas.

Dated September 14, 2023

Approved as to form and content:



County Chair, Medina County, Texas
Brian Kanke