

Tarrant County Resolution

Support the Censure of House Speaker Dade Phelan, HD 21, by the Orange County Executive Committee and urging the Texas Republican Party to honor said Censure.

Whereas, the nature of the office of the Texas Speaker of the House of Representatives, the legislative actions and decisions of Representative Matthew McDade Phelan, while serving as Speaker do impact the outcomes of the legislative session and have a direct impact on the lives of the citizens of Tarrant County and Texas.

Whereas, Speaker Phelan was impaired on several occasions while conducting legislative business on the House floor. A video was posted on social media on May 19, 2023 depicted one of those impaired occasions. (1)

Whereas, The House Rules Manual states, Rule 1 Sec. 15, Standing Committee Appointments (a) The speaker shall designate the chair and the vice-chair of each standing substantive committee and shall also appoint the membership of the committee. (2) Speaker Phelan appointed 9 Democrat Chairs to the House Committees with a Republican majority in the Texas House of Representatives, completely ignoring the Republican Legislative priority #5 Ban Democrat Chairs and Platform item 233.b.

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

Whereas, Speaker Phelan failed in his duty to bring many Republican Priority Bills to the floor for a vote. (5) (6) (8)

Whereas, Speaker Phelan killed the strongest border security bill, HB20, by sustaining a Democrat's Point of order during legislative debate, (7) disregarding Republican legislative priority #2 Secure the Border and Protect Texans and Platform item #3 Preserving individual, Texans, and Americans sovereignty and freedom.

Whereas, Speaker Phelan allowed passage of the House Resolution 155, which recognized Texas LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Day, which is a violation of Texas GOP core principles #6.

Whereas, Speaker Phelan referred and promoted the Resolution to Impeach the Attorney General Ken Paxton, violating Supreme Court ruling in *Reeves v State* 267 S. W. 666 (Tex. 1924) which interpreted Texas Government Code 665.081 that articles of impeachment may not serve to support removal of a state officer for alleged conduct that took place before the date the state officer was elected. (3) (4)

Whereas, Harrison County Executive Committee passed a Resolution to Censure Speaker Dade Phelan in July, 2023 (9)

Whereas, Ellis County Executive Committee passed a Resolution to Censure Speaker Dade Phelan in July, 2023. (10)

Whereas, Dallas County Executive Committee passed a Resolution to Censure Speaker Dade Phelan in July, 2023 (11)

Whereas, Montgomery County Executive Committee passed a Resolution to support the Orange County Resolution to Censure Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan in July, 2023 (12)

Whereas, Texans and members of the Republican Party have lost faith in Speaker Dade Phelan's objectivity and capability as the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Be it Resolved, That—

- (1) The Tarrant County GOP condemns Speaker Matthew McDade Phelan's actions during the 88th Legislative session for his failure to represent the people of Texas in a way that is befitting the office of the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and
- (2) The Tarrant County GOP condemns Speaker Matthew McDade Phelan for failure to adhere to the Republican Party Priorities and Platform, and
- (3) The Tarrant County GOP Executive Committee calls upon the State Republican Executive Committee and the Texas Republican Party to honor the Orange County's Executive Committee's call to Censure Speaker Dade Phelan for failure to execute his duties as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

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Resolution on Condemning The Fort Worth Independent School District Board President

WHEREAS, the FWISD School Board President removed a taxpayer using police officers and violated his freedom of speech on August 22nd at the general school board meeting for Fort Worth ISD.

WHEREAS, the School Board President Camille Rodriguez has had a history of threatening to remove parents for exercising their free speech when shedding light on pornographic books on July 25 and August 22, 2023 School Board meetings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Tarrant County Condemns the Fort Worth Independent School District School Board President Camille Rodriguez.

Be it further **RESOLVED** that the Republican Party of Tarrant County asks the Texas Education Agency to investigate the violations of free speech that have been seen at the school board meetings in Fort Worth ISD

Be it further **RESOLVED** that the Republican Party of Tarrant County asks Governor Abbott to investigate the violations of free speech that have been seen at the school board meetings in Fort Worth ISD

Be it further **RESOLVED** that the Republican Party of Tarrant County asks the Texas Republican House Caucus to pass laws protecting parents and taxpayers at the school board meeting from tyrannical overreach

Sponsors:

Carlos Turcios - Precinct 1207

Italia De La Cruz - Precinct 1734

Resolution on Condemning Congresswoman Kay Granger

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Kay Granger has demonstrated a pattern of action demonstrably opposed to the Principles of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) Platform and the Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas, and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Kay Granger voted (House Roll Call 243 on 5-31-2023) with the Democratic Minority for the Bipartisan Debt Ceiling that kept 87,000 IRS Agents. This violates RPT Core Principle Number 4 as it states:

(4) Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions.

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Kay Granger voted (House Roll Call 156 3-24-2023) with the Democratic Minority against Representative Thomas Massies' amendment to terminate the Department of Education's control of elementary and secondary education. This action violates RPT Core principle number 7 and 9 which states:

(7) Having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children.

(9) A free enterprise society unencumbered by the government interference or subsidies.

It also goes against PRT Citizens Rights number 30, which states:

30. Parental Rights: The rights of parents are foundational to Western society and shall be respected, affirmed, and protected by the Texas Constitution and Texas Law. Furthermore, it is imperative that the Texas Legislature pass a Parental Rights amendment to be added to the Texas Constitution in order to secure these rights for future generations. We call upon the Legislature to properly recognize and affirm the fundamental right of parents to make all decisions regarding the upbringing and control of their children in all aspects, especially with regard to the grievous violations of the Texas education system. Any failure to recognize, protect, or honor these fundamental rights shall be actionable. No parent exercising any of these fundamental rights shall be prosecuted as domestic terrorists.

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Kay Granger voted (House Roll Call 334 on 7-14-2022) with the Democratic Majority to extend chain migration to adult dependents of employment visa holders. This action violated RPT core principle Number 3 which states:

(3) Preserving individual, Texan, and American sovereignty and freedom.

It also goes against the RPT National Defense and Foreign Affairs Number 255 as it states:

255. Immigration: *We demand that state and federal law enforcement officers enforce our immigration laws, implement an entry/exit tracking system for visa holders, and expedite hearings on deporting both violent and non-violent illegal immigrants and visa overstays. Chain migration and the diversity visa lottery shall be eliminated. We call for the abolition of the refugee resettlement program. Any form of amnesty with regard to immigration policy shall not be granted, including the granting of legal status to persons in the country illegally. Our legal immigration system shall be strictly merit based, and the total number of new immigrants should be limited to a level that facilitates assimilation.*

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Kay Granger voted (House Roll Call 145 on 5-10-2022) with the Democratic Majority for the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act. This violates RPT Core Principle Number 4 as it states:

(4) Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions.

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Kay Granger voted (House Resolution 2471 3-9-2022) with the Democratic Majority for a \$1.5 trillion Omnibus funding Biden's vaccine mandates. This violates RPT Core Principle Number 4 as it states:

(4) Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions.

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Kay Granger is a member of the World Economic Forum, an organization that supports the Great Reset and the destruction of our Christian Conservative way of life through a Globalist World Order Agenda. This association violates RPT core principle Number 3 which states:

(3) Preserving individual, Texan, and American sovereignty and freedom.

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Kay Granger has repeatedly supported Human Chain Migration, defended Leftwing Democrats, defended the leftwing Department of Education, and supported the Endless War in Ukraine.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Tarrant County Condemns Congresswoman Kay Granger

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

Be it further RESOLVED, that we, the Republican Party of Tarrant County, in solidarity with Republicans across both our county and our state, are stridently opposed to Congresswoman Kay Granger's continued defamation of Republican principles, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we strongly encourage our fellow Republican Party County Executive Committees, Auxiliaries, and conservative groups across the state of Texas to pass this, or a similar resolution, in demonstration of the widespread dissatisfaction with Congresswoman Kay Granger's lack of fidelity to our founding principles and conservative values.

Sponsors:

Carlos Turcios - Precinct 1207

Italia De La Cruz - Precinct 1734

John O'shea - Precinct 4492

A Resolution of Censure of Texas State Representative Craig Goldman, House District 97

WHEREAS, Rule 44 of the Republican Party of Texas states a County Executive Committee may, after notice and invitation to the officeholder to appear and be provided time to speak before a County Executive Committee, by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting, but in no case by less than a majority of the County Executive Committee in full, adopt a Resolution censuring a Republican office holder representing all or a portion of that County for three (3) or more actions taken during the current biennium in opposition to the core principles of the Republican Party of Texas defined in the Preamble of the Party Platform as described in Rule 43A or to the Legislative Priorities adopted at the most recent State Convention as described in Rule 34(c); and

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

WHEREAS, provisions within the Republican Party of Texas Rule 43 state the County or State Chairman shall provide a copy of the Platform to each non-judicial candidate, along with all other candidate application papers; and

WHEREAS, provisions within the Republican Party of Texas Rule 43 state the County or State Chairman shall also request that each candidate read the entire Platform; and

WHEREAS, at the Republican Party of Texas State Convention held in June of 2022, the Platform Committee passed and the Convention delegates put into effect for this current biennium, Legislative Priority number five (No. 5), "Ban Democrat Chairs: To ensure all legislative Republican priorities are given a fair opportunity to become law, the Republican-controlled Texas legislature shall adopt a rule that would end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats"; and

WHEREAS, the Texas House Rules delegate the power of choosing committee chairs to the Speaker of The House, who is elected to this position by majority vote of the duly elected members of the Texas House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, with full knowledge that Representative Dade Phelan had publicly declared his intention, if re-elected as Texas Speaker of the House, to appoint Democrats as Chairs of House Committees for the 88th Legislative Session, prior to the start of the 88th Legislative Session, a position Representative Goldman also publicly declared his support for, on January 10, 2022, Representative Goldman willingly, and purposely voted to re-elect Representative Dade Phelan as the Texas Speaker of the House. Thereby, said action by Representative Goldman is in direct opposition to the RPT Legislative Priority No. 5: Ban Democrat Chairs; and

WHEREAS, while HB 544, (a bill to have been entitled An Act relating to the reporting of certain orders and convictions to the Department of Public Safety and Federal Bureau of Investigation for use with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for the transfer of firearms), failed to become law, it was passed by the Texas House of Representatives, to engrossment (Record 1291) on May 8, 2023 with Representative Goldman voting in favor of HB544, along with all of the Tarrant County Democrat House Representatives, thereby placing Representative Goldman in opposition to the RPT Legislative Priority No. 7 - "Defend Our Gun Rights: Protect our gun rights against threats, such as Red Flag laws, federal, state or other restrictions, by strengthening and preserving our inalienable rights under the second amendment to protect our life, liberty and property. The Texas Legislature should eliminate gun-free zones" as well as violating RPT core principle No. 3 - "We believe in the laws of nature and nature's god and we support the strict adherence to the original language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and The Constitutions of the United States and of Texas" & No. 10 - "The inalienable rights of all people to defend themselves and their property"; and

WHEREAS, while HB 1585, (a bill to have been entitled An Act relating to matters affecting the powers and duties of the Texas Ethics Commission, also commonly referred to by some, as The Gag Act, for its clear intent to violate parts of our First Amendment rights, to include abridging the freedom of speech, as it attempted to suppress the ability to hold public officials accountable and limit freedom to engage in issue advocacy), failed to become law, it was passed by the Texas House of Representatives by (Record 1413) on May 10, 2023 with Representative Goldman voting in favor on HB 1585, thereby violating RPT Core Principles No. 3 combined with No. 6; - "Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions: and

WHEREAS, HB 100 did not become law, it was passed by the Texas House of Representatives by (Record 595) on April 27, 2023. While parts of this bill, as originally proposed, were integrated into other pieces of legislation and passed into law as amendments to other legislation or as other stand-alone pieces of legislation, NO legislation was passed into law that increased current teacher compensation/salaries, as lamented by multiple major Texas news entities and Texas public ISD Administrators. And verified by a thorough review of all legislation that has been passed into law. Thereby, when Representative Goldman appeared before a local political club during the first week of June, AFTER the end of the Regular 88th Legislative Session, to present his post-legislative Power-Point Presentation, (which was video recorded by myself, and for which still photographs are available), and stated "We did give teacher pay raises" while his Power Point Presentation screenshot showing the words "Public Education" and bullet points, one of which read "\$2.4 billion for teacher pay raises" was clearly visible as displayed on the large screen behind Representative Goldman, as he made the above quoted statement, he violated RPT Core Principles No. 2 combined with No. 7 -" Personal accountability and responsibility" by providing untruthful accounts of actions taken, or in this case, actually NOT taken, by himself and the entirety of our Texas State Representatives; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Rule 44 of the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas, the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Tarrant County, meeting September 14, 2023, and after having given timely notice and invitation to Representative Goldman to appear and be provided time to speak before this County Executive Committee, by vote of at least 2/3 of those present and voting, but in no case by less than a majority of the County Executive Committee, in full, hereby adopt a resolution censuring Texas House District 97 Representative Craig Goldman, a Republican officeholder, representing part of Tarrant County, for the 7 (seven) above described, specific actions, all taken during the current biennium, in either opposition to the the core principles of the Republican Party of Texas defined in the Preamble of the Party Platform as described in Rule No. 43A and/or to the Legislative Priorities adopted at the most recent State Convention, as described in Rule 34(c), and be it further

RESOLVED, no request will be forwarded to the State Republican Executive Committee to concur in this Resolution of Censure as it was approved by the County Executive Committee on a date that will not allow for the required 14 day notice and opportunity to Representative Goldman to appear and be provided time to speak before the SREC, to be met, as the SREC's next scheduled State Republican Executive Committee Meeting is less than 14 days from today. And any subsequent meeting of the SREC at which such a request to concur could be made, would take place after the start of the filing period of the next Republican Primary Election which would be in violation of Rule 44 of the Rules of 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.

Sponsor:

Amie Super, Precinct Chair 4342