

**Resolution to Support the Censure of Speaker Dade Phelan
Parker County Republican Party Executive Committee**

WHEREAS, the public decisions and actions during this current biennium by State Representative Dade Phelan, specifically in his role as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, have demonstrated a blatant disregard for voters in the Republican Party of Texas; and

WHEREAS, State Representative Dade Phelan, as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, is a representative of every citizen in Texas including Parker County; and

WHEREAS, in the capacity as Speaker of the House, State Representative Dade Phelan has abused the power of his office using his authority as Speaker to commit more than three acts 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, State Representative Dade Phelan committed nine actions in violation of Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priority Number Five (No. 5), "Ban Democrat Chairs", Speaker Phelan appointing nine (9) Texas Democratic Party state representatives to committee chairmanship positions; and

WHEREAS, by his appointment of Democrat Committee Chairs, State Representative Dade Phelan blatantly ignored the results of the 2022 Republican Primary Ballot that documented 81.24% of Republican voters statewide and 84.21% in Parker County clearly wanting the Republican majority in the Texas Legislature to end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats; and

WHEREAS Speaker Phelan's actions to (1) appoint Democrat State Representative Joseph Moody to chair the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and (2) assign HB 2709, "The Abolish Abortion in Texas Act" to that committee, resulted in a violation against Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priority Number Six (No. 6) by ensuring HB 2709 would die in committee and never receive a hearing; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2023, Speaker Phelan promoted HR 85, a resolution honoring the LGBT community, by referring the resolution to the House Resolutions Calendars Committee chaired by Democrat Representative Bobby Guerra and resulting in violations of the first and sixth core principles of the Republican Party of Texas; and

WHEREAS, On May 9, 2023 Speaker Phelan allowed HB20 to die by sustaining a spurious point of order, in violation of RPT Legislative Priority Number Two (No. 2): Secure the Border and Protect Texans. At Speaker Phelan's sole discretion, he accepted a point of order raised by a Democrat Representative on a matter of opinion regarding the caption of the bill, preventing it being voted on in the House; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Phelan allowed passage of the House Resolution 155, which recognized Texas LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Day, creating another violation of Texas GOP core principles #6; and

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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.; and

WHEREAS, we support the action by the Texas State Republican Executive Committee requesting that State Representative Dade Phelan resign immediately from his leadership role as the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, we support the actions by the Republican Executive Committees of Orange County, Harris County, Ellis County, Dallas County, Montgomery County, Tarrant County and others that have passed other Resolutions to Censure Speaker Dade Phelan; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Parker County, meeting October 5, 2023, cite the fourteen (14) violations enumerated herein as just cause to support the Orange County Republican Party Executive Committee in their resolution to censure Dade Phelan and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we request the Texas State Republican Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Texas concur in the Orange County Resolution of Censure and impose on Representative Dade Phelan the penalties provided in 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, The Governor of Texas, The Lt. Governor of Texas, State Senator Drew Springer, State Senator Phil King, and State Representative Glenn Rogers.



Brady Gray
Parker County Republican Party Chair