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**A Resolution of Censure of Representative Will Metcalf, HD 16, and Cecil Bell, Jr., HD3,
for the 89th Legislative Session**

Whereas, the Texas Republican Caucus Rules required every member, including Will Metcalf (HD 16) and Cecil Bell, Jr. (HD3), to support and vote for the Republican Caucus nominee for Speaker of the House, and

Whereas, Representatives Metcalf and Bell violated Republican Party of Texas Principle number 5, Personal accountability and responsibility, by violating the trust and faith of Texas Voters as an elected Republican Representative as defined by Merriam Webster, when they joined with Democrats and voted for Burrows for Speaker of the House, thereby supporting Democrat priorities, and,

Whereas, Representatives Metcalf and Bell are complicit and equally responsible for the results of that vote, including but not limited to the following:

Whereas, Representatives Metcalf and Bell violated the Spirit and Intent of the Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priority “No Democrat Chairs” by passing HR4 without discussion or amendment which allowed for the appointment of Democrat vice-chairs; thereby supporting Democrat priorities, and

HR4. Rule 4, Chapter A, Sec 4A, Additional Restrictions:

“If, at the time the speaker announces the membership of standing committees, the members of the house of one political party constitute a majority of the membership of the house, the speaker shall designate a member of that party to serve as chair of each standing committee. The speaker shall not designate a member of that party to serve as vice-chair of a standing committee.” and

Whereas, HR4, Rule 4, Sec. 6A, Additional Duties of the Chair: Responsibilities of the Vice-chair, grants Vice-chairs the same power and authority of the chair:

“(a) The chair of each committee shall schedule the work of the committee and determine the order of consideration of measures and matters referred to the committee in direct consultation with the vice-chair of the committee. The chair shall arrange to ensure that;

(1) witnesses designated by the vice-chair are invited to testify at a public hearing, including in the manner described by section 20(g) of this rule; and

(2) measures or matters designated by the vice-chair are promptly scheduled for a public hearing under this rule.

(b) The vice-chair of a committee may direct the preparation of an impact statement on any measure in the same manner in which a chair directs the preparation of those statements under section 34 of this rule. and

Whereas, Representative Metcalf and Bell's vote permitted Speaker Burrows to appoint 6 democrats as Standing Committee sub-committee chairs, thereby directly supporting democrat chairs, and,

Whereas, HR4, Rule 4, Chapter D: Subcommittees; Sec. 47. Power and Authority grants Subcommittee chairs the same power and authority as the Standing Committee:

"Each subcommittee, within the area of its jurisdiction, shall have all of the power, authority, and rights granted by the Rules of Procedure of the House of Representatives to the standing committee, except subpoena power, to the extent necessary to discharge the duties and responsibilities of the subcommittee." And,

Whereas, Rep. Metcalf violated RPT Principle 1, which expresses 'strict adherence to the original language and intent... of the Texas State Constitution': Article 1 Sec. 2 of The Texas Constitution which states "All political power is inherent in the people..." by placing an armed guard in front of his locked office thereby prohibiting his constituents access to him and his office in the People's House. and

Whereas, in addition to the above, we list the following grievances against Representatives Will Metcalf, (HD 16), and Cecil Bell, Jr. (HD3), for subsequent actions resulting from their support and vote of Burrows and HR4:

- Allowing the House Administration Committee to unilaterally impose a set of rules that includes funding for democrat Vice-chairs and Democrat led sub-committees without discussion, amendments, or a vote of the House.
- Allowing for weekly long-weekends "off" which threaten the passage of the Legislative Priorities due to time constraints,
- Purposefully misleading the Republican Voters of Texas that they would follow the Republican Caucus Rules, which they then violated without remorse,
- Permitting the Speaker to engage the services of democrat operative and former Obama White House lawyer as Parliamentary Counsel, which is a position created by the Speaker and has no defined job description or salary posted,
- Creating an allotment of Democrat chairs, and Democrat vice chairs with expanded power, which increased the House Budget by over \$3 Million of taxpayer money without a vote.

Therefore, let it be Resolved that the Montgomery County Executive Committee does censure Representative Will Metcalf, (HD16) and Representative Cecil Bell, Jr. (HD3) for the above listed actions.

Submitted for vote on March 4, 2025, Passed Rejected



DJ Fike, Secretary