

## 2008 SENATE DISTRICT 42 RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Saturday, March 8, 2008

### SD42 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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### COMMENDATIONS/PARTY BUSINESS

- (1) ELECTED OFFICIALS -- We commend the following elected Republican officials for their hard work and service to our nation and to the people of Minnesota:

U.S. President George W. Bush

U.S. Senator Norm Coleman

U.S. Vice President Richard M. Cheney

U.S. Congressman Jim Ramstad

Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty

Minnesota Lt. Governor Carole Molnau

HD42B Representative Erik Paulsen

SD42 Senator (and Assistant Senate Minority Leader) David Hann

Eden Prairie Mayor Phil Young

Eden Prairie City Councilmember Brad Aho

Eden Prairie City Councilmember John Duckstad

Hennepin County Commissioner Randy Johnson

Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Koblick

...and all the other endorsed, elected Republicans

- (2) PARTY WORKERS -- We further commend all State and Local Republican officials and volunteers for their hard efforts, dedication, and sacrifice in order to strengthen the party and further its principles.
- (3) PARTY UNITY -- We support efforts to make the Republican Party an inclusive, majority party without compromising our values, principles, and ideals.
- (4) ERIK PAULSEN FOR CONGRESS -- We urge that Erik Paulsen be enthusiastically endorsed by the Third District Republican Convention to succeed Jim Ramstad as our next great Third District Congressman. (passed by 8 precincts)

NOTE: To contribute or to help Erik's campaign, please go to: <http://paulsenforcongress.com/>

## **SECTION 1 - CREATING JOBS AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY: CONTROLLING TAXES, SPENDING, AND REGULATION**

Republicans believe that limited government is the best government, and that free enterprise is the best path to prosperity for all Minnesotans. We support reducing taxes, spending and regulation to create business opportunities for our hard-working families and businesses.

*Change title of section:*

(5) DELETE “CREATING JOBS” -- We support changing the title of this section from “Creating Jobs and Economic Prosperity” to “Creating an Environment for Economic Prosperity”.

*Proposed amendments to State Party Platform:*

(6) ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX -- We support abolishing the “Alternative Minimum Tax”.

(7) NEED FOR SPEED -- We oppose lowering the current interstate highway speed limit.

*Change to existing State Party Platform plank:*

(8) SUPPORT FOR LIGHT RAIL -- We support adequate funding and bridge construction in Minnesota, including constitutionally dedicating 100% of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) to the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund and increasing the use of general obligation bonds to fund highway projects; and ~~opposing any public funding of commuter rail or new light rail projects.~~ prioritizing highway and bridge funding before public funding of commuter rail or new light rail projects. (Section 3, Part I -- passed by 2 precincts. One precinct OPPOSED new commuter rail projects)

*Affirmations of current State Party Platform:*

(9) SOCIAL SECURITY -- We support allowing all Americans to invest all or some of their Social Security payments, continuing to fulfill our obligations to older Americans, and prohibiting Congress from using Social Security funds for any other purpose. (Section 1, Part G)

## **SECTION 2 - PRESERVING CIVIL RIGHTS**

The Republican Party, the party that abolished slavery, believes that the government should treat all of its citizens equally.

*Affirmations of current State Party Platform:*

(10) DEFENSE OF LIFE -- We reaffirm our party’s commitment to protect and value all human life from the moment of conception to natural death and to repeal Roe v. Wade through a Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. (Section 2, Parts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, Y -- pro-life resolutions passed in 3 precincts)

## **SECTION 3 - EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN**

Republicans believe that parents are responsible for their children’s education and that parents, teachers and local school boards can best make decisions about our children’s education.

*Proposed amendments to State Party Platform:*

(11) NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND -- We oppose the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind and support returning to local control of education. (passed by 2 precincts)

(12) PUBLIC PRAYER ROOMS -- We oppose the use of tax dollars to provide private prayer rooms and private hygiene rooms in our public schools, public colleges, and public buildings.

(13) FUZZY MATH -- We oppose public schools adopting “fuzzy math” (also called “reformed math” or “everyday math”) which emphasizes heavy elementary school use of calculators and word problems and math concepts rather than getting the right arithmetic answers for these operations.

(14) EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MANDATES -- We oppose imposition of federal preschool curriculum that includes controversial non-academic outcomes that deal with gender issues, family structure diversity, mental health, multiculturalism, environmentalism and careers.

*Change to existing State Party Platform plank:*

(15) INTELLIGENT DESIGN -- We support protecting educators from disciplinary action for including discussion of ~~creation science~~ intelligent design, and adopting science standards that acknowledge the scientific controversies pertaining to the theory of evolution. (Section 3, Part I)

## **SECTION 4 - STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES**

The Republican Party recognizes the blessings that God has bestowed on this great Nation. We declare our faith in Him and ask His continued guidance as we work to preserve this government of “One Nation Under God”. We also recognize the sanctity of human life and marriage, and the central role of the traditional family in our society.

*Proposed amendments to State Party Platform:*

(16) OUT-OF-STATE HEALTH INSURANCE -- We support allowing interstate commerce in health insurance – letting individuals and families buy coverage across state lines from any state in the United States.

(17) SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH INSURANCE -- We support allowing small businesses and other private organizations to form Association Health Plans to purchase health insurance at rates comparable to large employers.

(18) MORE INFORMED CONSUMERS -- We support giving patients access to greater and more reliable information that compares performance and prices of competing physicians, clinics, and hospitals.

(19) FREE MARKET -- We support allowing prices for medical services, drugs, and medical devices should be set by the market and not by government.

(20) NO SOCIALIZED MEDICINE -- Rather than expand existing public health programs, we support moving as many people as possible on to the road to self-sufficiency.

## **SECTION 5 - PROTECTING THE PUBLIC’S SAFETY**

Republicans believe that crime in Minnesota can best be reduced by getting tough with violent and repeat criminals.

## **SECTION 6 - STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW**

Republicans believe that our legal system has been subject to abuse in the form of frivolous lawsuits; excessive numbers of lawsuits; and lawsuits that are intended to advance a political agenda, rather than adjudicate real controversies.

## **SECTION 7 - ENJOYING AND PROTECTING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Republican Party believes that proper stewardship of our natural resources and agricultural lands will best be achieved through sound science and adherence to Constitutionally guaranteed property rights.

### *Proposed amendments to State Party Platform:*

(21) GLOBAL WARMING -- We oppose government policies and legislation that are based on the theory that humans are the primary cause of global climate change (ie. Theory of Man-Made Global Warming). We oppose energy and climate policies that raise the cost of energy to consumers and do nothing to protect the environment. (similar resolutions passed by 4 precincts)

(22) NO ETHANOL SUBSIDIES -- We support a state and federal government phase out of all ethanol subsidies and oppose the construction of future ethanol plants until the long-term effects of the water table and aquifers can be evaluated.

## **SECTION 8 - MAKING GOVERNMENT BETTER, NOT LARGER**

Republicans want government to be honest, efficient and responsive to individual citizens.

### *Proposed amendments to State Party Platform:*

(23) ID FOR VOTING -- We support requiring people to show ID before voting. (passed by 3 precincts)

(24) NO "NATIONAL ID CARDS" -- We oppose participation in "The Real ID Act" which requires states to issue nationally standardized driver's licenses that can then be used as national ID cards.

(25) MCCAIN-FEINGOLD -- We support repeal of the McCain-Feingold Act and oppose legislation limiting constitutionally-guaranteed freedom of speech.

(26) PRESIDENTIAL STRAW POLL -- We support making Minnesota's current caucus "Presidential straw poll" a binding vote.

(27) NO MORE "WINNER TAKES ALL" -- We support proportional allocation of Minnesota's electoral votes.

(28) NORTH AMERICAN UNION -- We oppose U.S. participation in any treaty, agreement, or legislation that promotes the creation of a North American Union.

### *Affirmations of current State Party Platform:*

(29) JUDGES SHOULD INTERPRET NOT LEGISLATE -- We support reinstating the constitutional separation of powers and opposing legislation by executive order, judicial rulings, or unelected regulatory agencies. We support the election and appointment of strict constructionist judges who adhere to the principles expressed in the U.S. and Minnesota Constitutions. (Section 8, Part J)

(30) A COMMON LANGUAGE -- We support making English the official language in Minnesota and the United States of America. (Section 8, Part M - passed by three precincts)

(31) END SAME-DAY REGISTRATION -- We support eliminating the practice of vouching for individuals at polling places, requiring that voters be registered at least 30 days prior to an election and requiring that voters present a valid proof of U.S. citizenship and state residency at the time of registration. (Section 8, Part N)

## **SECTION 9 - DEFENDING AMERICA AT HOME AND ABROAD**

Republicans believe that peace is best maintained through a strong national defense.

### *Proposed amendments to State Party Platform:*

(32) BUILD THE FENCE. -- We support securing our borders through appropriate means such as fences and increased border patrols.

(33) NO SANCTUARY CITIES -- We support requiring all state and local law enforcement officers to cooperate with federal immigration officials in the enforcement of our nation's immigration laws.

(34) STOP HIRING ILLEGALS -- We support significant sanctions on employers that knowingly hire illegal aliens.

(35) NO TAXPAYER-FUNDED SERVICES FOR ILLEGALS -- We support requiring all state and local agencies to verify citizenship of individuals prior to providing publicly-funded services or benefits.

### *Change to existing State Party Platform plank:*

(36) STOP ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION -- We support ~~strengthening~~ securing our borders against the threat of terrorism and stopping the flow of illegal immigrants, and deporting illegal aliens. We are against amnesty for illegal aliens. We oppose any program that will allow illegal aliens to remain in the United States. (Section 9, Part E)

### *Affirmations of current State Party Platform:*

(37) SUPPORT THE WAR -- We support President Bush's efforts to keep Americans safe and fight the Global War on Terror. We support our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan by supporting their mission there. We oppose calls to "cut and run" until the job has been completed. (Section 9, Part Q)