

2014 SENATE DISTRICT 48 RESOLUTIONS

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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. Congressman Erik Paulsen

SD48 Senator David Hann

HD48B Representative Jenifer Loon

Eden Prairie City Councilmember Brad Aho

Hennepin County Commissioner Randy Johnson

...and all the other endorsed, elected Republicans

(2) KIRK STENSRUD -- We commend Kirk Stensrud for his past service as representative of House District 48A and support his effort to win back his house seat and help Republicans regain a majority in the Minnesota legislature.

(3) 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.

(4) PARTY UNITY -- We support efforts to make the Republican Party an inclusive, majority party without compromising our values, principles, and ideals.

(5) NATIONAL DELEGATE SELECTION -- We urge the Republican National Committee to oppose new party rules which allow the Executive Committee of the party to impose a centralized system for selecting national delegates.

(6) SHORTER PARTY PLATFORM -- We support deleting the entire state party platform and replacing it with a one-page statement of principles (see page 3). (passed by 2 precincts)

SECTION 1 - PROMOTE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

We support lowering the tax burden, exercising spending restraint, and creating and maintaining a fair, honest and competitive business environment to promote economic prosperity and once again make Minnesota the economic engine of the Upper Midwest.

(7) NATIONAL DEBT -- We oppose the exploding national debt and the threat it poses to our national security and to our children's futures. We oppose all further increases in the national debt ceiling until Congress comes up with a comprehensive plan to pay back and eliminate the debt.

(8) LIGHT RAIL FUNDING -- We oppose the creation, expansion and funding of Light Rail Transit in Minnesota. (passed by 3 precincts)

(9) MINIMUM WAGE VS. FREE MARKETS -- Favoring free markets, we oppose government wage and price controls.

SECTION 2 - RESTORE AND DEFEND CIVIL RIGHTS

We support defending the right to life, protecting religious, political and economic liberties, and respecting personal privacy and property to preserve civil rights and ensure that government treats all of its citizens equally under the law.

(10) RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE -- We support amending the Minnesota Constitution to guarantee the right to keep and bear arms. Any law that discourages lawful gun ownership -- including special taxes, fees and registration -- must be forbidden. (passed by 8 precincts)

(11) ABORTION CLINIC INSPECTIONS -- We support protecting women by instituting basic regulation and inspections of abortion clinics.

(12) GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE -- We oppose blanket warrants for electronic surveillance of U.S. citizens. We oppose government use of unmanned aerial surveillance within the borders of the United States.

SECTION 4 - EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN

We support the belief that parents are responsible for their children's education and that parents, teachers and local school boards can make the best decisions about our children's education.

(13) ANTI-BULLYING BILL -- We oppose the falsely named "Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act" (the anti-bullying bill). (passed by 5 precincts)

SECTION 8 - ENJOY AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

We believe that proper stewardship of our natural resources and agricultural lands is best achieved through sound science and adherence to constitutionally guaranteed property rights

(14) SUPPORT MINING -- We support new mining projects on the Iron Range and call on our state and federal government to support these efforts. (passed by 3 precincts)

Statement of Principles

Promote Economic Prosperity -- We support lowering the tax burden, exercising spending restraint, and creating and maintaining a fair, honest and competitive business environment to promote economic prosperity and once again make Minnesota the economic engine of the Upper Midwest.

Restore and Defend Civil Rights -- We support defending the right to life, protecting religious, political and economic liberties, protecting the right to self defense, and respecting personal privacy and property to preserve civil rights and ensure that government treats all of its citizens equally under the law.

Protect our Health Care -- We recognize that the United States has the most advanced health care system in the world, leading in innovation and new technology development. Through genuine market competition, we can continue this progress, making health care more affordable and available to more Americans, and moving as many people on the road to self-sufficiency.

Educate our Children -- We support the belief that parents are responsible for their children's education and that parents, teachers and local school boards can make the best decisions about our children's education.

Strengthen our Families and Communities -- We recognize the blessings that God has bestowed on this great Nation. We also recognize the sanctity of human life and the central role of the traditional family in our society. We work to defend those values in order to strengthen our families and communities.

Protect Public Safety -- We believe that the most fundamental function of government is to keep citizens and our property secure.

Strengthen the Rule of Law -- We support limiting the power of attorneys and frivolous lawsuits, increasing the responsibility of the jury, protecting judicial elections and holding judges accountable to strengthen the rule of law and prevent abuse of our legal system.

Enjoy and Protect our Natural Resources -- We believe that proper stewardship of our natural resources and agricultural lands is best achieved through sound science and adherence to constitutionally guaranteed property rights.

Make Government Smaller and Better -- We support keeping government functions in state, local or private hands, electing honest and responsive legislative bodies and advocating for fair election processes to make government smaller and better.

Defend America at Home and Abroad -- We believe that we can maintain peace by having a strong national defense, securing our borders and by encouraging all people to seek freedom, democracy and free enterprise.