



YOUNG REPUBLICAN NATIONAL FEDERATION RESOLUTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2007 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS one of the most serious issues facing our country is the future of the War on Terror; and

WHEREAS the members of the United States Armed Forces are undertaking operations in Afghanistan and Iraq to win the War on Terror; and

WHEREAS the outcome of military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq will impact our efforts in the Global War on Terror; and

WHEREAS failure to succeed in Afghanistan and Iraq, will result in regional instability, and will serve to embolden the Al Qaeda terrorist network to expand throughout the region; and

WHEREAS the insurgency in Iraq is connected to Islamic terrorism and the Al Qaeda terrorist network; and

WHEREAS the key to winning the War on Terror is to directly confront the terrorists; and

WHEREAS The President of the United States, George W. Bush requested an increase of an additional 20,000 combat troops to fight the War on Terror; and

WHEREAS the Democrat Majorities in the House of Representatives and the Senate oppose the increase in troops; and

WHEREAS the Democrat Majorities have now passed a Non-Binding Resolution aimed towards cutting funding for the military and thereby preventing the increase in troops; and

WHEREAS this Non-Binding Resolution will not carry the force of law; and

WHEREAS this Non-Binding Resolution will not help our troops win the War on Terror; and

WHEREAS this Non-Binding Resolution will weaken the morale among our troops; and

WHEREAS this Non-Binding Resolution will give comfort and aid to the Al Qaeda network in both Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS Al Qaeda's deputy leader, has repeatedly said Iraq and Afghanistan are the "two most crucial fields" in the Islamists' war; and

WHEREAS winning in Iraq is crucial to the War on Terror; and

WHEREAS winning involves leaving Iraq strong enough to protect itself from threats domestic and abroad; and

WHEREAS the ability of the Armed Forces to successfully perform this mission requires the support of their nation, community, and families; and

WHEREAS the members of the Young Republican National Federation have the greatest pride in the members of the Armed Forces and strongly support them; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Young Republican National Federation expresses the unequivocal support and appreciation to the members of the United States Armed Forces who are carrying out their missions with excellence, patriotism, and bravery; and to the families of the United States military personnel who provide support and prayers for their loved ones currently engaged in military operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Young Republican National Federation urges Congress- in both houses and in a bipartisan fashion- to set aside its purely partisan and nonbinding political posturing by giving our troops the moral and material support necessary for victory in both the Afghan and Iraqi fronts in the War on Terror.

**Unanimously passed by the National Committee of the
Young Republican National Federation
This 10th day of March 2007.**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ELIMINATION OF STATE INCOME TAXES FOR THE MILITARY

WHEREAS the Young Republican National Federation supports all members of the United States military, past and present; and

WHEREAS Republicans generally support lowering or reducing the tax burden on all Americans; and

WHEREAS many states collect state income taxes from their residents, including those serving in the military; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Young Republican National Federation will work toward reducing or eliminating state income taxes on military pay for all members of the United States military, including reserve and National Guard members.

**Submitted by Wil Westholm, Regional Director of the West,
“Support our Troops” Spring National Coordinator.**

**Unanimously passed by the National Committee of the
Young Republican National Federation
This 10th day of March 2007.**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ELIMINATION OF FEDERAL INCOME TAXES FOR THE MILITARY

WHEREAS the Democrat Leadership of the United States Congress have taken the position of supporting our troops, but not the war they are currently fighting; and

WHEREAS the Young Republican National Federation supports all members of the United States military, past and present; and

WHEREAS Republicans generally support lowering the tax burden on all Americans; and

WHEREAS the federal government collects income taxes from those serving in the military, with certain exceptions, including serving in a combat zone; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Young Republican National Federation will work with Congress toward eliminating the federal income tax on military pay for all members of the United States military, including reserve and National Guard members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such an effort should satisfy the Democrats' position of support for the troops without being predisposed for or against combat status.

**Submitted by Wil Westholm, Regional Director of the West,
"Support our Troops" Spring National Coordinator.**

**Unanimously passed by the National Committee of the
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RESOLUTION NUMBER 4

A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE NORWOOD

WHEREAS Congressman Charles Whitlow Norwood, Jr. passed away after a long battle with cancer and other illnesses on February 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS after receiving a Doctorate in Dental Surgery, Charlie Norwood volunteered for the United States Army and honorably served his country as a Captain in the Dental Corps from 1967 - 1969; and

WHEREAS Congressman Norwood served the ninth district of Georgia, whose citizens have always been at the center of his heart and the focus of his life of public service; and

WHEREAS Congressman Norwood encouraged the participation of younger Georgians in the political process through his support of the College Republicans and the Young Republicans; and

WHEREAS Congressman Norwood leaves behind a lasting legacy due to his tireless efforts on behalf of Georgians and Americans everywhere in the areas of health care reform, education, the protection of private property rights, telecommunications and environmental regulation; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by Young Republican National Federation this 10th Day of March, 2007, that we honor the memory of Charles "Charlie" Whitlow Norwood, Jr., and praise his years of service to the people of Georgia, our nation, and the Republican Party.

Submitted by the Georgia Federation of Young Republican Clubs

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5

RESOLUTION REGARDING FORMER PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD

WHEREAS Gerald Rudolph Ford, Junior was an exemplary public servant; and

WHEREAS Gerald R. Ford began his political career when he was elected to represent the Fifth Congressional District of Michigan in 1948; and

WHEREAS Gerald R. Ford served as Minority Leader of the House of Representatives from 1965-1973; and

WHEREAS Gerald R. Ford served as Vice-President of the United States from December 6, 1973 to August 9, 1974; and

WHEREAS Vice-President Ford was sworn in as the 38th President of the United States on August 9, 1974; and

WHEREAS President Ford lead our nation in a time of crisis with confidence, courage and integrity; and

WHEREAS President Gerald R. Ford died on December 26, 2006; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Young Republican National Federation sends its condolences to the Ford family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Young Republican National Federation will observe a moment of silence in honor of the 38th President of the United States during Saturday afternoon's lunch.

Submitted by the YRNF Standing Committee on Resolutions

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6

RESOLUTION TO HONOR GUS WAGNER, MISSOURI STATE CHAIR FROM 1999-2006

WHEREAS Gus Wagner served as the State Chairman of the Missouri Federation of Young Republicans from 1999-2006; and

WHEREAS Gus led an outstanding state organization in which many new YR clubs were formed and mentored by his personal leadership; and

WHEREAS Gus created missouriyr.com, an excellent, informational website, that continues to be the place for young activists to go and get more information on the Missouri YRs; and

WHEREAS Gus chaired the Midwestern Regional Conference "Big Party Weekend" in February 2006 where over 200 YRs participated in the weekend's campaign training school and other events; and

WHEREAS Gus continues to be a mentor to YRs in Missouri and elsewhere even though he is no longer State Chair; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by Young Republican National Federation this 10th Day of March, 2007, that we commend Gus Wagner on his past years of service, and his continuing dedication to Young Republicans and the Republican Party.

Submitted by the Missouri Young Republicans