

# **TYRF 2024 Resolutions Committee Report**



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## **A Resolution Calling for Reform of the Texas House**

**WHEREAS**, Plank 213 of the 2024 Republican Party of Texas Platform (“RPT”) calls for reform of the Texas House, including for Republican members to choose the speaker in caucus and for all committee chairs to be members of the majority party;

**WHEREAS**, one legislative priority of RPT is, “No Democrat Chairs: The Republican-controlled Texas Legislature shall end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats and require all committees to be majority Republican”;

**WHEREAS**, Texas Republican primary voters defeated fifteen (15) incumbent members of the House for renomination, sending a clear message indicating a desire for change in how the House operates;

**WHEREAS**, forty-six (46) House Republican nominees for 2024, a number representing more than half the size of the current House Republican Caucus, have signed a pledge to only vote for a speaker in caucus in a manner consistent with the RPT Platform and who will only appoint Republicans as committee chairs;

**WHEREAS**, a candidate for speaker who solicits support from Democrats to attain support from a majority of the membership the Texas House returns the favors by appointing Democrats as committee chairs and treating some Democrat-backed legislation more favorably than many Republican priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, appointing Democrats as committee chairs has resulted in some Democrat-supported bills, such as Transportation Committee Chair Terry Canales’s HB 3418 to implement a vehicle mileage tax pilot program, receiving more expeditious passage through the committee process and to the House floor than many Republican priority bills received, causing these Republican bills to languish in committee or be placed too late on the floor calendar to be considered;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Texas Young Republican Federation calls upon all Republican nominees for the Texas House to pledge to designate a speaker in caucus who does not seek the support of Democrats to reach the seventy-six (76) votes required for election; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Texas Young Republican Federation calls upon House Republican members elected in November 2024 to designate a speaker who promises to appoint Republicans to every committee chairmanship and to a majority of all committee member positions.

## **A Resolution Establishing TYRF's 2025 Legislative Priorities**

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Derrick Wilson was elected promoting a list of 10 Policy Focuses for the 89th Session; and,

**WHEREAS**, volunteers across TYRF signed up and worked on subcommittees for each Policy Focus since October of 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, subcommittees met with researchers, legislators, and experts in their focus; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Texas Young Republican Federation sets the following as its 89th Legislative Session Policy Agenda:

- Legislation to better equip Texas to fight human trafficking from our southern border, including but not limited to
  - Empowering local officials to combat human trafficking
  - Continual support to build the Texas Border Wall
- Legislation that lowers the cost of buying and owning a home, including but not limited to
  - Cutting red tape for homeowners to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
  - Limit single-family home purchases by foreign and institutional investors
  - Eliminate Property Taxes
- Legislation that lowers the cost of medical care, including but not limited to
  - Expand reciprocity for doctors licensed to practice in states and countries with comparable standards for licensure.
  - Requiring health care providers to show good-faith estimates of prices of procedures to patients in advance.
  - Anti-trust policies to limit larger hospital systems from buying smaller or local hospital networks.
- Legislation that ensures a clean and plentiful water supply, including but not limited to
  - Creating a dedicated revenue stream for water projects
  - Helping local governments replace old and leaking piping
  - Allowing more municipalities to create regional water authorities.
  - Urge the Texas House of Representatives to hold Mexico accountable, urge Congress to renegotiate the 1942 U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty, and give Texas, particularly the Rio Grande Valley, their water.
- Legislation that secures the electrical grid, including but not limited to
  - Protecting Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) exports

- Require solar and wind generation companies to guarantee 24/7 dispatchability of power by operating “peaker” plants from thermal sources, contracting with thermal energy generators, or ensuring sufficient battery storage when real-time generation from the sun and wind does not meet a minimum level of demand.
- Expanding the state’s nuclear energy portfolio
- Legislation that creates a school choice system.
  - Provide opt-in educational savings accounts (ESAs) to parents who choose not to enroll their children in public schools with funding that follows the child and can be spent on tuition, books, supplies, or other eligible expenses for private or home school, taught according to the parent’s standards.
  - Allow unused ESA funds to be rolled forward to future years, and any funds remaining after completing twelfth grade for college or trade/vocational school expenses.