

RNC RESOLUTION OPPOSED TO THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL TAXES

WHEREAS, since 2007 the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has attempted to introduce a global tax to curb what it calls “man-made global warming”; and

WHEREAS, there is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane or other greenhouse gases is causing or will cause in the foreseeable future catastrophic heating of the earth’s atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon appointed a panel called the High-Level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing; this panel stated selling carbon-emission permits and implementing a financial transactions tax could raise billions of dollars globally to combat climate change; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Ottmar Edenhofer, a United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) officer, claimed in a German interview that climate change policy was a way to redistribute wealth globally; and

WHEREAS, in July 2012, the United Nations proposed three global taxes and one global monetary governance mechanism to raise \$400 billion a year to aid developing countries: a carbon tax, a currency transaction tax, and a billionaire tax, as well as allocation of International Monetary Fund Special Drawing Rights (SDR); and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has proposed these taxes without identifying how the funds would be redistributed within developing nations: nations who may have dictators, war lords or anarchy; and

WHEREAS, the Currency Transaction Tax would disproportionately tax American travelers and businesses because transactions within the Eurozone will be exempt from the Currency Transaction Tax; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America is currently supporting the 193 member United Nations at a higher rate of financial aid than any other nation as the U.S. is currently assessed 22 percent of the U.N. regular budget and more than 27 percent of the U.N. peacekeeping budget; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has not evidenced its capability to properly handle foreign aid and has in fact been shown to be wasteful and scandal-ridden; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee concludes that UN Global Taxes are not in the best interest of the United States of America and the RNC urges all government officials to refuse any global tax initiative put forward by the United Nations.

RNC Resolution Defending Traditional Marriage

WHEREAS, the institution of marriage is the solid rock upon which our society is built and in which families thrive; and

WHEREAS, the future of our country is its children; and it has been proven both historically and scientifically that the most secure and nurturing environment in which to raise healthy well adjusted children is in a home where both mother and father are bound together in a loving traditional marriage; and

WHEREAS, an overwhelming majority of states currently prohibit persons of the same gender from marrying, most of which have done so in their state constitutions, including the State of North Carolina which this May 8, 2012 approved such a constitutional amendment by a 20-point margin; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama recently announced his opposition to traditional marriage; and

WHEREAS, support for traditional marriage was affirmed nationally through the enactment of the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996, signed into law by President Bill Clinton; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has directed his own Justice Department to ignore the law and to not defend DOMA; and

WHEREAS, while the RNC recognizes that families take many forms, the institution of marriage itself is sacred and its traditional form must be upheld as a national model; a goal to strive for, encourage, and promote; therefore be it

RESOLVED, THE Republican National Committee affirms its support for traditional marriage as the union of one man and one woman, as expressed in the provisions of the 2008 Republican Party Platform, the 2012 Republican Party Platform draft*, and the Federal Defense of Marriage Act.

*draft to be determined prior to passage of this resolution

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY ACT

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee applauds transparency and accountability in government and rejects government secrecy involving monetary policy that impacts the entire economy; and,

WHEREAS, serious discussions of proposals to oversee and audit the Federal Reserve are long overdue; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Reserve can enter into agreements with foreign governments and foreign central banks, and the United States Congress is prohibited from overseeing these agreements; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee believes agreements made by the Federal Reserve with foreign powers and foreign banking institutions should be subject to Congressional oversight; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution gives the United States Congress the authority to coin money and regulate the value thereof, and does not give Congress the authority to delegate control over monetary policy to a central bank; and,

WHEREAS, auditing the Federal Reserve will allow Congress to assert its Constitutional authority over monetary policy and help to protect the value of the United States dollar; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee supports the enactment of the Federal Reserve Transparency Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee calls upon every Republican member of Congress to commit to the passage of the Federal Reserve Transparency Act through cosponsorship of this standalone legislation, and to do so at the earliest practical opportunity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of this resolution, the Republican National Committee shall deliver a copy of this resolution to each of the Republican members of Congress and to each Republican state and territorial party office.

Resolution Regarding China's "Sanya Initiative"

WHEREAS, The security of the United States of America depends on the leadership, competence and loyalty of its senior military officers while in active service, and continuing loyalty and professionalism in their retirement; and

WHEREAS, The "Sanya Initiative" (1) is a series of dialogues between retired, senior-ranking flag officers of the U.S. and Chinese armed forces, partially funded by Chinese intelligence organizations; and

WHEREAS, American participants in the Sanya Initiative include several retired extremely high- ranking officers as reported by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (2); and

WHEREAS, the American officers associated with the Sanya Initiative have lobbied Congress and the Pentagon to soften its annual report to Congress on the progress of China's military buildup; and

WHEREAS, At the same time, China's intelligence agencies are conducting a major covert influence campaign aimed at derailing the United States' military shift to Asia, as outlined in a draft report Congress' U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission which said, "Institutions and persons affiliated with the People's Liberation Army military intelligence entities play a prominent role in the Sanya Initiative"; and

WHEREAS, these U.S. officers facilitated contacts and dialogs with U.S. Government officials and do not appear to even be registered as agents for China in the Foreign Agents Registration Act list of Registrants (3); and

WHEREAS, the Foreign Agents Registration Act, Title 22 USC § 611 (b)(c)(1), states in part that a foreign agent is one who engages within the United States in political activities for or in the interests of such foreign principal; acts within the United States as a public relations counsel, publicity agent, information-service employee or political consultant for or in the interests of such foreign principal; and

WHEREAS, the FARA further states that a foreign agent is someone within the United States who solicits things of value for or in the interest of such foreign principal; and who represents the interests of such foreign principal before any agency or official of the Government of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the officers listed in the CSIS report appear to be engaged in activities covered by the FARA which would require those officers to be registered as Foreign Agents; and

WHEREAS, The Sanya Initiative appears to be a covert attempt to lobby Congress while circumventing the Foreign Agents Registration Act; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee is seriously concerned about the conduct of former senior military officials who should be held accountable for the implications of their involvement with Communist China for U.S. national security; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee is seriously concerned about possible violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act by these retired officers; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee calls on Congress to hold public hearings as to the disturbing appearance of conflict of interest by retired senior ranking flag officers in these matters.

- (1) <http://freebeacon.com/chinese-government-influencing-policy-through-ex-military-officials/>
- (2) http://csis.org/files/media/isis/events/080606_sanyaeventsummary.pdf
- (3) <http://www.fara.gov/qs-shortform.html>

RESOLUTION OPPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States authorizes the convening of a Convention for proposing Amendments, now frequently called a Constitutional Convention, “on the application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States”; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution is silent as to the qualifications of the delegates to such a convention and how or by whom they should be selected; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution is also silent as to the agenda of such a Convention and sets out no way to limit the agenda of such a Convention, and,

WHEREAS, former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger concluded that there is no effective way to limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention after it is convened; and,

WHEREAS, a Constitutional Convention would attract a multitude of individuals and special interest groups with agendas that would alter our Constitution beyond recognition; and,

WHEREAS, well known Democrat members of the US Congress are currently advocating a Constitutional Convention to introduce a number of amendments that would enshrine and effectuate their liberal agenda; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is a timeless document which, by limiting the powers of the government it created and guaranteeing the freedom and opportunity of the citizens for whom it was created, has produced the best and most productive nation in the history of the world; now be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee strongly opposes the convening of a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States for the reason that the risk of loss far exceeds the possibility of gain from such an uncontrolled and uncontrollable proceeding.