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RESOLUTION COMMENDING PRESIDENT TRUMP ON HIS PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER PROMOTING FREE SPEECH AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

WHEREAS, the Framers of our Constitution intended for the permanent protection of the freedom of speech as outlined in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in the past, the federal government has encroached on that constitutionally protected freedom by prohibiting certain commentary and civic involvement and speech by members of religious institutions; and

WHEREAS, past Administrations have threatened the rescinding of non-profit tax status of those religious institutions engaged in the democratic process promoting their moral or social views and values engrained in their beliefs; and

WHEREAS, this censorship and threat against religious and charitable institutions' tax status has effectively silenced many faith leaders; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2017, President Donald Trump addressed these concerns by signing the Presidential Executive Order Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee commends President Trump for the actions he has taken to protect free speech and defend religious liberties.

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