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UNITED REPUBLICANS OF CALIFORNIA

“Every Member a Lobbyist for the U.S. Constitution”

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RESOLUTIONS

OPPOSE STATEHOOD FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Adopted in United Republicans of California State Spring Convention, May 2, 2009

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia is the most “Democrat” city in the country; and

WHEREAS, Democrats in the U.S. Senate have introduced S. 160, the District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2009, which would give the District of Columbia two seats in the House of Representatives as well as give Utah one more seat in the House; and

WHEREAS, The very first article in the U.S. Constitution says House members “shall be composed of Members chosen every second year by the People of the several States; and Senate members of two Senators from each State.” *The District of Columbia is not a state.*

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution states that Congress shall have power ... To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding 10 miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the seat of Government of the United States; and

WHEREAS, If the District is to have representation, whether in the House or Senate, or both, the route is amendment to the U.S. Constitution; which did not happen when the D.C. Voting Rights Amendment that Congress passed in 1978 expired in 1985 for lack of ratification; and

WHEREAS, There are two other options for District residents who complain that they are not represented: (1) move a few miles to Virginia or Maryland; or (2) seek agreement with the Maryland legislature to accept retro-cession, just as it occurred in 1846 when the citizens of the Virginia side of the district voted to return their area to Virginia, so that the current District of Columbia occupies only the land that Maryland ceded when the District was formed; in the latter case a small governmental area around the Mall, White House and Capitol would remain the District of Columbia. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That UROC strongly opposes any legislation that would give the District of Columbia any “voting rights” without a constitutional amendment and urges its members and all Republican Congressmen to oppose S. 160, the District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2009 and legislation in the House which would supplement this legislation.

OPPOSE THE FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2009 - H.R. 875

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WHEREAS, The God-given right to grow one's own food supply has been around since the Garden of Eden; and

WHEREAS, Under Section 3, #14, of The Food Safety Modernization Act of 2009, **HR 875**, the definition of food-production facility includes any farm, ranch, orchard, etc. and could mean that anyone growing his own garden on his own property for simply his own use could be put under this definition as nothing in the bill excludes private gardens; and . We did not find anywhere in this bill where it excludes private gardens; and.

WHEREAS, Under Section 206 it states that these food-production facilities must obtain a license, must write up their plan for safety, must make their records available, must submit to being inspected *unannounced* at any time, and must follow the government standards as far as which fertilizer to use (which means that the government could make us use chemical fertilizers thus destroying organic gardening); and

WHEREAS, Under Section 405, penalties for violations could go up to one million dollars for each violation; each day is a separate violation and could end up fining one millions of dollars; if one cannot pay, the government "will collect" which probably means seizing everything one owns; and

WHEREAS, This bill will also destroy all organic farmers and ranchers as these farmers and ranchers are small outfits who will not have the money to comply with all these regulations or fight lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, The corporation behind this bill is Monsanto, one of the world's largest chemical companies and is responsible for the creation of Agent Orange (used during the Vietnam War), Aspartame (banned by the FDA before Donald Rumsfeld made them lift the ban), Bovine Growth Hormone, Polystyrene, PCBs and genetically-engineered (GE) crops, as well as chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and patented hybrid seeds and wants the entire world's food supply under its control; and

WHEREAS, By being forced to use Monsanto's patented seeds, everyone on the planet every year will have to re-buy his seeds from Monsanto because food grown from hybrid seeds will not produce food the following year; this will put heirloom-seed companies out of business as heirloom seeds are the only seeds that can grow plants that will produce seeds one can save and replant next year; this has already been accomplished this in Iraq - the birthplace of the Garden of Eden - where a law was passed forbidding farmers from growing their own seed and forcing them to buy their seed every year from Monsanto; and

WHEREAS, GE food has already been shown to cause low birth-weights and early death in baby mice whose mothers were fed a diet of GE food; and

WHEREAS, Monsanto is uprooting our food supply and replacing it with their patented, GE creations; and, along the way, families, farmers, communities, and nature become collateral damage. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That United Republicans of California strongly opposes H.R. 875 (DeLauro, D-CT) and urges its members to contact their congressmen to oppose any unconstitutional scheme to prevent families, organic farmers, and ranchers from using God-given heirloom seeds and organic fertilizers to grow their own food; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any chemical company be forbidden from bringing lawsuits against anyone who uses heirloom seeds to produce their own food.

FIRE JANET NAPOLITANO, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)

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WHEREAS, Janet Napolitano, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, appointed by Pres. Obama to supervise and lead, as well as protect the lives of all Americans, refers to terrorist attacks on the U.S. as “man-caused disasters” instead of terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, Sec’y. Napolitano issued a briefing on April 7, 2009, that warned law enforcement about the possible threats of “right-wing extremist” terrorist groups, suggesting that returning men and women veterans, American patriots who believe in the Holy Bible, U.S. Constitution, Second Amendment, and are pro-life, anti-illegal immigration, and voted for past presidential candidates Ron Paul or Chuck Baldwin, could be recruited into being enemies of America; and

WHEREAS, That briefing document was unfair, offensive, and contrary to the principles for which America stands; and

WHEREAS, That briefing failed to make a distinction between hate groups and issue-oriented groups; and the definition of “right-wing extremism” would include many patriotic Americans who would never think of committing acts of terrorism against the United States; and

WHEREAS, Americans should not be singled out and scrutinized for their beliefs - especially when they are the beliefs embodied in the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, American soldiers are the most patriotic people in America - voluntarily putting their lives on the line to combat terrorism and protect America - and it is insulting and outrageous that returning veterans should be suspected as the next possible terrorist group and have their gun rights taken from them;

WHEREAS, Janet Napolitano has refused to close the U.S. border with Mexico even though there is a potential epidemic with the Mexican Swine flu; and

WHEREAS, Janet Napolitano has called a halt to enforcement of immigration laws in the U.S. and has given apprehended illegal aliens green cards as well as Temporary Permanent Status (TPS)! Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That United Republicans of California (UROC) is outraged by the conduct of Janet Napolitano, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, and calls for the immediate firing of her by the President, based upon the fact that she refuses to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution and Americans by not enforcing our immigration laws; and that Janet Napolitano is further unfit because she has issued a briefing to law enforcement that “right-wing extremists” are returning men and women veterans, American patriots who believe in the Holy Bible, U.S. Constitution, Second Amendment, are pro-life, anti-illegal immigration, and supported past presidential candidates Ron Paul or Chuck Baldwin and could be recruited into being enemies of America; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That UROC calls upon its members to urge their Congressmen to call for the immediate firing of Janet Napolitano and replace her with a suitable candidate for the job who understands the difference between real terrorists and American patriots who would never think of committing acts of terrorism against the United States.

OPPOSE THE GOVERNMENT'S WAR ON THE SECOND AMENDMENT!

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WHEREAS, President George Washington, the Father of our country, said that the purpose of the Second Amendment was: (1) for personal defense, (2) to protect against rebellion, and (3) to prevent tyranny; and

WHEREAS, Senator Barack Obama, on the campaign trail, said that he would "not take away our guns ...; however, after the election in November, 2008, that promise vanished; and

WHEREAS, Ammunition retailers buy spent brass from the U.S. Dept of Defense (DoD) - 'one time used' shell casings by our Military - from training on Military bases, etc. - re-load the casings to Law Enforcement, Gun Shops, Gun Clubs, Wal-Mart, etc.; and

WHEREAS, The DoD has contacted these retailers (who bought 30,000 pounds at a time) and told them that the casings are going to be shredded - making them useless to anyone; and

WHEREAS, The American media has promulgated a myth that 90% of the guns confiscated in drug raids came from the U.S., when, in fact, the majority of the illicit firearms came from Mexico's black market (a virtual arms bazaar), Russian crime organizations, South America, Asia, China, and Guatemala - countries that do not put serial numbers on their guns; American gun manufacturers have serial numbers on them; and

WHEREAS, Some American fully-automatic weapons were sold to the government of Mexico, per the U.S. Government, for use by the Mexican military service - whose service members then deserted with their guns and joined drug cartels; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. government is proposing an "anti-gun database" in the government-sponsored health care scheme and that everything your child tells his pediatrician about whether you have a gun collection, etc. will be searchable by the government; and people with Alzheimer's ADHD, and other disorders will begin losing their gun rights just as quickly as veterans - who have seen the ramifications of being on a government database. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That United Republicans of California (UROC) are strongly opposed to any government-run database that involves gun ownership, remembering that Hitler was able to take over France in three weeks as he confiscated all guns and that he was never able to take over Sweden as they had no gun registration laws; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That UROC members contact their congressmen and the Department of Defense and demand that they allow retailers to reload "once used" brass cartridges instead of shredding the brass and making it unusable for any purpose, remembering that guns without ammunition is a direct attack on the Second Amendment and citizens' God-given rights to keep and bear arms.

OPPOSE THE INTER-AMERICAN ARMS CONVENTION TREATY (“CIFTA”)

Adopted in United Republicans of California State Spring Convention, May 2, 2009

WHEREAS, On April 16, 2009, President Obama went to Mexico to push the U.S. Senate to ratify a treaty called the “Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials” (known by its Spanish acronym CIFTA); and

WHEREAS, CIFTA has not been brought up for a vote in the Senate since it was adopted in 1997; and, as all treaties, it would require a two-thirds majority (67 votes) in the upper house to secure ratification; and

WHEREAS, Ratifying the CIFTA treaty would be a major threat to our citizens’ right to keep and bear arms. Since none of the other 28 OAS nations that are party to the "Inter-American Convention" share the protections afforded by our Second Amendment; and it would make our own law subject to a multi-national convention would only undermine those protections; and

WHEREAS, The principles of firearms ownership embodied in our Second Amendment are unique in the world; any accommodation with nations that do not enjoy similar protections is bound to dilute our own government’s respect for the Second Amendment’s protections; and

WHEREAS, Certain language in the treaty indicates that its authors viewed the right to keep and bear arms differently than Americans are accustomed to, e.g., the treaty attempts to reassure its signatories that it “is not intended to discourage or diminish lawful leisure or recreational activities such as travel or tourism for sport shooting, hunting, and other forms of lawful ownership and use recognized by the States Parties; and”

WHEREAS, In the case of the United States, the right to keep and bear arms is not contingent upon our government’s definition of “lawful ownership” — it is an unalienable fundamental right; and that right is designed not merely to allow for “leisure or recreational activities” but for self defense, to suppress rebellion, and, as the last recourse of the citizenry, against a future government that may become totalitarian; and

WHEREAS, The treaty’s references to international law and the United Nations is disturbing as at one point it references “strengthening existing international law enforcement support mechanisms such as the International Weapons and Explosives Tracking System (IWETS) of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), to prevent, combat, and eradicate the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, [etc.];” and.

WHEREAS, The subordination of the OAS to the UN is revealed by the provision of the treaty that provides that copies of it “shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, which shall forward an authenticated copy of its text to the Secretariat of the United Nations for registration and publication, in accordance with Article 102 of the United Nations Charter.”

WHEREAS, The UN has a long history of attempting to regulate arms in a manner incompatible with the U.S. view of the right to keep and bear arms, through bodies such as the UN Security Council Small Arms Ministerial; and in his millennium report, We the Peoples, Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan declared: “Controlling the proliferation of illicit weapons is a necessary first step toward the non-proliferation of small arms. These weapons must be brought under the control of states, and states must be held responsible for their transfer.” Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That United Republicans of California (UROC) strongly urges its members to resist the contact all Republican Senators to oppose the “Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials” (CIFTA), which would adversely affect Americans’ God-given right to keep and bear arms and which treaty would put gun ownership under the tyrannical rule of the United Nations.

SUPPORT THE AMERICAN SOVEREIGNTY RESTORATION ACT OF 2009 - H.R. 1146

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WHEREAS, Every Congressional term, Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) has introduced H.R. 1146, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act, H.R. 1146 which would end the United States' participation in the anti-American United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Every Congressional term, H.R. 1146 is never brought to a vote; and

WHEREAS, United Republicans of California (UROC) has always supported the passage of H.R. 1146. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That United Republicans of California calls upon its members to contact Republican congressmen to co-sponsor and strongly support Ron Paul's (R-TX) H.R. 1146, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2009, which would end U.S. participation in the anti-American United Nations and get the U.N. out of the U.S.

SUPPORT THE FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2009 (H.R. 1207 / S. 513)

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WHEREAS, Since 1913 when the private Federal Reserve (the Fed) was established, there has never been an audit of it by a government agency; and

WHEREAS, As a private bank, the Fed has never divulged who owns it or how much it has given to politicians to keep their hand at the till of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) has introduced the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2009, H.R. 1207, to audit the Fed; and the companion bill in the Senate is S. 513, introduced by Sen. Bernard Sanders (I-VT); and

WHEREAS, Under H.R. 1207, there would be an audit of the Board of Governors of the Fed and the Federal reserve banks which shall be submitted by the Comptroller General to the Speaker of the House, majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives, and the majority and minority leaders of the Senate, and any other member of Congress who wants it; and

WHEREAS, Under S. 513, the Fed would be required to publish on its website: (1) the identity of each business, individual, or entity to which the Board was provided such assistance; (2) the type of financial assistance provided to that business, individual, or entity; (3) the value or amount of that financial assistance; (4) the date on which the financial assistance was provided; (5) the specific terms of any repayment expected, including the repayment time period, interest charges, collateral, limitations on executive compensation or dividends, and other material terms; and (6) the specific rationale for providing assistance in each instance. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That United Republicans of California (UROC) strongly urges its members to contact their Congressman to co-sponsor and support Rep. Ron Paul's (R-TX) H.R. 1207¹, the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2009, and to contact their Senators to co-sponsor and support Sen. Bernard Sanders's (I-VT) companion bill, S. 513 to bring accountability of the private bank known as the Federal Reserve and the Board of Governors of the Fed.

¹ As of May 1, 2009, H.R. 1207 had 109 co-sponsors!

SUPPORT THE BROADCASTER FREEDOM ACT OF 2009 (H.R. 226 / S. 34)

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WHEREAS, Democrats in Congress want to suppress conservatives' Freedom of Speech on the airways by re-promulgating the Fairness Doctrine; and

WHEREAS, The Fairness Doctrine would require that radio stations give equal time to opposing viewpoints; and

WHEREAS, In the free market, most radio talk shows are conservative and popular while liberal talk shows have gone bankrupt; and

WHEREAS, Re-promulgating the Fairness Doctrine would ruin conservative talk shows as no sponsors would want to support an opposing view point; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mike Pence (R) introduced into the House of Representatives the Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2009, H.R. 226; and Sen. Jim DeMint (R) introduced into the U.S. Senate the companion bill, S. 34 to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from re-promulgating the unfair "fairness doctrine." Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That United Republicans of California (UROC) strongly supports freedom of speech by conservatives and strongly opposes any interference by the Democrat-controlled government with free market dictates of supply and demand for conservative talk shows; and urges its members to contact their congressmen and Senators to co-sponsor and support both H.R. 226¹ and S. 34, the Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2009.

SUPPORT THE LOCAL RADIO FREEDOM ACT (H.C.R. 49 / S.C.R. 14)

After Convention add-on

WHEREAS, Local radio stations, including conservative stations, have promoted artists and their recordings as well as given free air time to non-profit organizations and worthy causes, without paying anyone anything; and

WHEREAS, Liberal legislators have created legislation that would put a tax on radio in the form of a "performance fee" that will be forced on local radio stations if H.R. 848/S. 379 were to become law; and

WHEREAS, A new "intellectual property right" for the recording labels (3/4 of which are foreign owned), amounts to a tax on local radio that could be the difference between radio's future success or failure; and

WHEREAS, There is no greater threat to the viability of local free over-the-air radio than H.R. 848/S. 379 which would force many radio stations out of business, result in job loss, and less diversity on the air; and

WHEREAS, H.C.R. 49 and S.C.R. 14 "The Local Radio Freedom Act" would knock out H.R. 848/S. 379 and restore conservative/religious radio stations' future success. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That United Republicans of California (UROC) is in complete agreement with "The Local Radio Freedom Act," H.C.R. 49² and S.C.R. 14, that Congress should not impose any new performance fee, tax, royalty, or other charge relating to the public performance of sound recordings on a local radio station for broadcasting sound recordings over-the-air, or on any business for such public performance of sound recordings; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of UROC immediately contact their Congressmen and strongly urge them to co-sponsor and support H.C.R. 49 and S.C.R. 14.

¹ There are currently five bills in the House dealing with not re-promulgating the fairness doctrine; however, H.R. 226 has the most co-sponsors (over 100), including Ron Paul (R-TX).

² Has 186 co-sponsors, including Ron Paul (R-TX)