

COLLIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 7, 2017

**Support for the Republican Party of Bexar County, Texas
Change of Leadership of the Speaker of the Texas House**

Whereas the Republican Party of Bexar County voted to encourage new leadership in the Texas House due to a lack of support for the Republican Party of Texas Platform;

Whereas the Speaker has habitually rejected the conservative planks of the Republican Party of Texas Platform;

Whereas the Speaker has disparaged Governor Abbott's conservative agenda for the Special Session to begin [July 18, 2017](#), calling it "horse manure."^[1]

Whereas in a predominantly conservative state like Texas, anger and discontent have grown within the Republican base due to years of the Speaker's constant obstruction of conservative legislation, successfully killing most of it;

Whereas there should be few roadblocks for advancing the party's platform, with a near super-majority of Republicans, yet it is constantly obstructed by the leadership of the Speaker, resulting in a vast and deep disappointment among conservative grassroots voters;

Whereas in Session after Session, Democratic legislation has a far greater chance of being passed than conservative legislation;

Whereas the Speaker has consistently packed his committee chair assignments with Democrats and liberal Republicans in an effort to deliberately stall and kill conservative legislation;

Whereas in past election cycles, the Speaker has supported Democrat and liberal Republican candidates, and has influenced the drawing of new district lines to enhance electoral outcomes for liberal candidates; and

Whereas the Speaker is notorious for making deals with Democrat lawmakers in order to retain his seat and afford him the ability to lose Republican support in the ranks with little consequence.^[2] Now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Collin County Republican Executive Committee recommends that Speaker of the Texas House Joseph Richard Straus III should be removed from leadership for his dismal failure to support the core principles of the Republican Party and his non-support of the RPT *platform*.

This document will be distributed to the Collin County Legislative Caucus after approval.

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[1] <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/politics/texas-take/texas-take-podcast/article/Listen-House-Speaker-compares-special-session-11223902.php>

[2] <https://thehayride.com/2017/07/rpt-finally-getting-serious-platform/>