

Support for the Resolution to Remove Joseph Straus as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives

Whereas, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representative is one of the most powerful and influential political positions in the State of Texas and proclaims a direct affiliation with the Republican Party of Texas, and

Whereas, the Speaker has habitually rejected the conservative planks of the Republican Party of Texas Platform, publicly stating that his constituency is NOT the people of Texas; and

Whereas, the Speaker has disparaged Governor Abbot's conservative agenda for the Special Session which began on July 18, 2017, by calling it "horse manure"; and

Whereas, there are chronic roadblocks for advancing the Republican Party's Platform in a predominantly conservative state like Texas, with a near super-majority of Republicans, resulting in widespread and deep dissatisfaction among conservative grassroots voters; and

Whereas, in Session after Session, Democrat legislation has a far greater chance of being passed than conservative, Republican sponsored legislation under the Speakers leadership; and

Whereas, the Speaker historically packs key committee chair assignments with Democrats and liberal Republican in an obvious attempt to deliberately stall and kill conservative legislation, including advancement to the Calendars Committee; and

Whereas the Speaker is notorious for making deals with Democrat and liberal Republican lawmakers in order to retain his seat and afford him the ability to lose conservative Republican support in the ranks with little consequences, last;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Stephens County Republican Party Chairman, on behalf of its members recommends that Mike Lang, Texas House Representative District 60 call for a no-confidence vote for Speaker of the House Straus and the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives be removed by the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas for his dismal failure to support the core principles and values of the Republican Party of Texas Platform.

Be it further resolved that Representative Lang vote for a conservative Speaker of the House, who will appoint conservative chairpersons who will bring conservative bills to floor of the House of Representatives for an open and fair up or down vote.

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