



CHEROKEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Resolution Urging All Republican Representatives to Vote for Caucus Nominee for Speaker

WHEREAS, Plank 213 of the 2024 Republican Party of Texas Platform states in part:

Texas Speaker of the House, House Committees, and Legislative Quorum:

In the Texas Legislature:

a) We oppose the use of pledge cards and call for Republican members to caucus after each November General Election to determine, by secure secret ballot, their candidate for Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore. We also call for Republican members to vote as a unified body for their selected Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore candidate when the Legislature convenes in regular session, provided that the individual selected in caucus for speaker publicly pledges to comply with the entirety of this plank; and

WHEREAS, the Texas House Republican Caucus met on December 7, 2024, to nominate a candidate for Speaker in compliance with the Platform; and

WHEREAS, in the third vote, 26 Republican Representatives walked out of the Texas House Republican Caucus vote in an attempt to deny quorum to the Caucus so that a candidate could be elected with Democratic votes; and

WHEREAS, the Texas House Republican Caucus voted on the third ballot to support Representative David Cook of Tarrant County as their official nominee; and

WHEREAS, after extensive meetings with, and concessions offered by, Representative Dustin Burrows, the Texas House Democratic Caucus, led by radical Houston Representative Gene Wu, has “released” its members to vote for a Republican Speaker candidate other than Representative Cook in an effort to stop Republican agenda items such as school choice, ending taxpayer funded lobbying, and ending the practice of appointing Democratic chairs; and

WHEREAS, Representative Burrows released a list of 76 Representatives (38 Republicans and 38 Democrats) who he claims have committed to vote for him; and

WHEREAS, Several Representatives who were on that list have since issued public statements stating that they never approved of being included on the list and support Representative Cook, leaving Representative Burrows with a majority-Democratic coalition; and

WHEREAS, Representative Burrows's list of purported supporters included Cherokee County Republican Representative Cody Harris; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cherokee County Republican Party urges all members of the Texas House Republican Caucus to united behind Representative David Cook and to immediately and publicly commit to vote for him in the floor vote for Speaker of the House; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cherokee County Republican Party calls on Representative Dustin Burrows to immediately suspend any campaign activities for Speaker of the House and to commit to support Representative Cook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cherokee County Republican Party condemns any effort by Republican Representatives to ally with Democrats to elect a Speaker who was not supported by the majority vote of the Texas House Republican Caucus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cherokee County Republican Party calls on **Representative Cody Harris** to publicly disavow participation in Representative Burrows's attempt to secure the Speakership against the wishes of the Republican Caucus using a majority-Democratic coalition and to commit to supporting Representative Cook in accordance with the Caucus vote and with the Republican Party of Texas platform; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cherokee County Republican Party shall consider a vote for Representative Burrows, or any other candidate who depends on Democratic votes to be elected and was not supported by the Texas House Republican Caucus, to be speaker, or a vote for a House Rule to allow a secret ballot vote for the Speaker election, to be a violation of Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priority #4, No Democratic Chairs, for censure under Republican Party of Texas Rule No. 44.

Respectfully submitted to the Cherokee County Republican Party Executive Committee,

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Adopted this 12th day of December, 2024 by the Cherokee County Republican Party Executive Committee.

Janet Stanovich
Cherokee County Republican Party Chairwoman

Cherokee County Unity Resolution