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2023-2-A

The following resolution was offered by Gerald Brouillette (16-G) of the LAGOP RSCC,

RESOLUTION

A resolution for the Limiting local tax renewal elections to within 15 months of expiration

WHEREAS local tax assessments are established for either 5 or two years, potential extensions of these assessments require a renewal, and

WHEREAS many elections are lower turnout elections, typically with less than 15% turnout, and

WHEREAS the targeted beneficiary of the tax is well informed of the renewal and thus highly motivated to vote in these low turnout elections, and

WHEREAS many jurisdictions proffer renewals, sometimes as early as three years (36 months) prior to expiration, thereby allowing for multiple opportunities to achieve 50%+1, in the case of a renewal tax being defeated (most recent example of ballot renewal in East Baton Rouge Parish on March 25, 2023 for a tax that does not expire until 2025, and was renewed with an election turnout of only 11.2%).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Louisiana, requests that the Louisiana State Legislature (House and Senate) pass bills that will limit renewal local tax elections to only within 15 months of expiration. Done and adopted, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 15th Day of April 2023.



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2023-2-B

The following resolution was offered by Gerald Brouillette (16-G) of the LAGOP RSCC,

RESOLUTION

A resolution for the Removal of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) programs at Louisiana's Institutions of Higher Learning.

WHEREAS the Louisiana State University (LSU) and the University of Louisiana (UL) Systems each have established departments within their administrations focusing on what is known as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and where these systems matriculate over 130,000 students annually and employ tens of thousands of faculty and staff, and

WHEREAS in the Diversity Statement for LSU it states, "... must recognize and reflect on the inglorious aspects of our history ..." and

WHEREAS in the UL System, each individual university has an office focused on DEI, and it is noted that the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2017 UL System's Strategic Framework and 2018 Diversity Commitment, that helped accelerate the System's work around (1) increasing diversity in the System's talent and leadership pipeline; (2) investing in and partnering with organizations that are committed to equity; (3) expanding trainings and educational resources for the System; and (4) increasing access and success across all populations, as identified by Dr. Claire Norris, and

WHEREAS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) bureaucracies at public universities operate as divisive ideological commissariats, promulgating and enforcing Critical Race Theory and related political orthodoxies as official campus policy. Yet recent scientific surveys of universities in the Power Five athletic conferences demonstrate that students feel less welcome, not more welcome, at universities with larger DEI staffs.[1] and

WHEREAS Administrative DEI offices within universities are not covered by norms of academic freedom and are in fact a threat to academic freedom and academic integrity and Administrators in public institutions of higher education should maintain institutional neutrality on controversial political questions extraneous to the business of educating students, and contrary to this obligation, DEI advances primarily political aims rather than educational aims. Additionally, the growth of DEI bureaucracies has fueled bureaucratic bloat and rising costs in support of these bureaucracies, contributing to the indebtedness of students and parents(2), and

WHEREAS there is much concern that rather than improving relationships among the populace of the standard university, DEI programs have arguably resulted in the growth of tribalism within the university with students pulling back into monolithic camps with a view of oppressor and oppressed, and



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WHEREAS, many critics state that the DEI curriculum suggests that the “system is rigged” and there is no use in even trying. DEI further teaches hopelessness to those who are not “privileged” as per the DEI beliefs, and

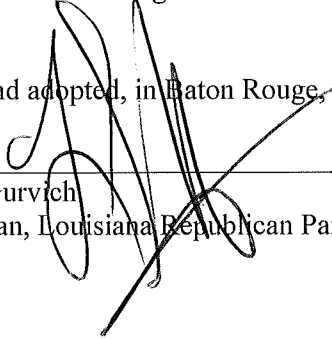
WHEREAS many students, faculty and staff are required to attend training and/or seminars related to DEI, and

WHEREAS the institutional purpose of these places of higher learning should be committed to the preparation of its students to help the citizenry of Louisiana where the State is dependent upon a highly qualified and well educated populace, and

WHEREAS more time and energy is now focused on biases and other politically involved activities at the expense of foundational and fundamental higher learning thereby impacting the knowledge and experience gained by the students at these universities with the potential consequence of less than optimal educated citizenry,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Louisiana, requests that the Louisiana State Legislature (House and Senate) pass bills that will call for the removal of DEI departments and/or agencies within any institution of higher learning within the State.

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1 Jay Greene and James Paul, “Diversity University: DEI Bloat in the Academy,” Heritage Foundation, July 27, 2021.

2 Christopher Rumor and Ilya Shapiro, “Abolish DEI Bureaucracies and Restore Colorblind Equality in Public Universities”, Manhattan Institute, January 2023.

Potential sample legislation can be found in the article cited in footnote #2 above.



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2023-2-D

Resolution by E. King Alexander Jr. (27D) and Nicholas M. James (19E).

RESOLUTION

URGING THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO FASHION A REASONABLE REMEDY FOR PERSONS STILL IMPRISONED UNDER NON-UNANIMOUS VERDICTS OF CONVICTION DESPITE THOSE HAVING BEEN FINALLY DECLARED IN VIOLATION OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION'S SIXTH AMENDMENT RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY

WHEREAS the Republican Party is in these times the leading defender of liberty, and often the only defender against the erosion of our sacred Bill of Rights, the first ten Amendments of the United States Constitution, and its leaders and members have shouldered this burden proudly and zealously against the forces of totalitarianism and corruption that would curtail or deny utterly these unalienable rights;

WHEREAS in 2018 the Republican Party of Louisiana through its State Central Committee was first to declare, by formal Resolution 20180609A, its support, by an overwhelming seventy-eight percent (78%) of the vote, for Louisiana Constitutional Amendment 2 on the statewide ballot in November 2018, there placed after more than the necessary two-thirds (2/3) of each and both the Louisiana Senate and House so authorized, after which the voters of Louisiana approved the measure by an overwhelming vote of almost two to one;

WHEREAS on April 20, 2020 the United States Supreme Court, by a large bipartisan majority that included the two Justices confirmed during the Forty-Fifth Presidency, held in *Ramos v. Louisiana* that the Louisiana law, that dated from a time when there was no active Republican Party in Louisiana, that allowed non-unanimous criminal jury verdicts to convict people for noncapital hard-labor felonies, resulting in deprivations of liberty up to and including life imprisonment without any possibility of parole, violated those people's right to trial by jury as guaranteed in the Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution;

WHEREAS the courts have since declined to grant new trials to the approximately 1,500 prisoners whose cases were no longer on direct appeal when the *Ramos* decision was announced, though these are the very ones who have suffered the longest unconstitutional injustice, nevertheless the Republican Party, consistently holding that lawmaking is for legislatures rather than for courts, have full faith in the ability of our elected lawmakers to meet the challenge that constitutional justice requires;



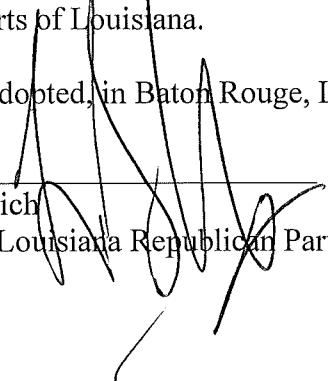
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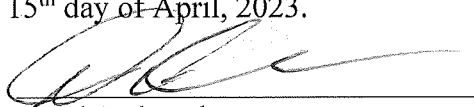
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Louisiana urges our Louisiana legislators quickly to enact a reasonable remedy for those people who remain imprisoned for non-unanimous verdicts of conviction rendered unconstitutionally in the state district courts of Louisiana.

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2022-2-F

A Resolution

By Michael Bayham, 1H

To congratulate the Louisiana State University Lady Tigers Women's Basketball team and their head coach Tickfaw-native Kim Mulkey on winning the 2023 NCAA Women's Basketball National Championship.

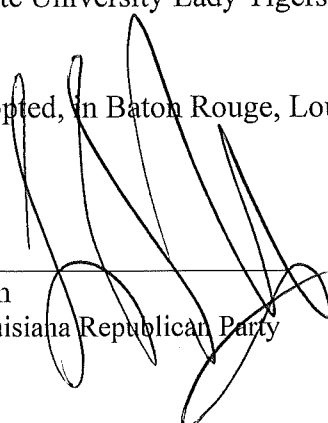
Whereas, Kim Mulkey, a native of Tickfaw, Louisiana, guided the Lady Tigers Women's Basketball team to the Women's Final Four in just her second season as head coach at LSU, and;

Whereas, under the guidance of Coach Mulkey the LSU Lady Tigers women's basketball team successfully rallied to overcome a nine-point deficit late in the game against Virginia Tech to earn the first ever appearance by an LSU squad in a basketball national championship game, and;

Whereas, the LSU Lady Tigers women's basketball team dominated the Iowa Hawkeyes, winning the game and the 2023 NCAA Women's Basketball National Championship by a score of 102-85 on Palm Sunday.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Louisiana extends its congratulations to Tickfaw-native head coach Kim Mulkey and the 2023 National Champion Louisiana State University Lady Tigers Women's Basketball Team, and;

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