

## Resolution Censuring Thom Tillis and Richard Burr for Abandoning the GOP Platform on Marriage

**WHEREAS**, the national Republican Party Platform states: "Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one man and one woman, is the foundation for a free society and has for millennia been entrusted with rearing children and instilling cultural values."<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the NCGOP Platform states: "Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one man and one woman, is the foundation for a civil society . . . we support the marriage amendment as part of the North Carolina constitution and encourage all efforts to defend it."<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Senators Thom Tillis and Richard Burr voted in favor of the so-called "Respect for Marriage Act,"<sup>3</sup> a bill which codifies same-sex "marriage" into federal law and threatens religious liberty;

**WHEREAS**, they have, by their votes, deliberately abandoned the national and state party platforms on marriage; and

**WHEREAS**, their rejection of such a crucial plank of the GOP platform has damaged the reputation of the party and further marginalized the natural family; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Orange County North Carolina GOP:

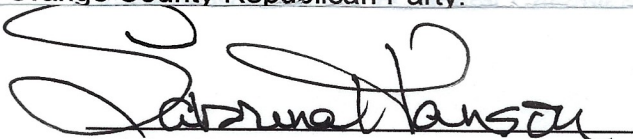
1. reaffirms its support for the natural family based on marriage between one man and one woman.
2. repudiates the actions of Senators Tillis and Burr as a betrayal of Republican values.
3. encourages the NCGOP to likewise censure Tillis and Burr at the state level; and
4. orders that a copy of this resolution be sent to the NCGOP and to the office of Senator Tillis.

Sources:

1. 2016 GOP Platform, Page 11: [https://prod-cdn-static.gop.com/media/documents/DRAFT\\_12\\_FINAL%5B1%5D-ben\\_1468872234.pdf](https://prod-cdn-static.gop.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL%5B1%5D-ben_1468872234.pdf).
2. 2022 NCGOP Platform, Article I Sec. 2: [https://assets.nationbuilder.com/ncgop/pages/4317/attachments/original/1655304356/2022\\_NCGOP\\_Platform\\_-\\_Adopted.pdf](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/ncgop/pages/4317/attachments/original/1655304356/2022_NCGOP_Platform_-_Adopted.pdf).
3. Roll Call Vote on H.R. 8404: [https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_votes/vote1172/vote\\_117\\_2\\_00362.htm](https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_votes/vote1172/vote_117_2_00362.htm).

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023 by the Orange County Republican Party.

  
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