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Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to preserve liberty by operating within the enumerated powers in the Constitution of the United States and its founding principles.

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Mr. CAWTHORN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services, Natural Resources, Rules, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to preserve liberty by operating within the enumerated powers in the Constitution of the United States and its founding principles.

Whereas the following 10 pillars are the most essential and impactful policy issues to the American people:

- (1) Government spending.
- (2) Economy.
- (3) Government reform.
- (4) Health care.

- (5) Education.
- (6) Culture and family unit.
- (7) Energy and environment.
- (8) Immigration.
- (9) Technical innovation.
- (10) Defense and veterans.

Whereas the United States is the greatest, most benevolent, most prosperous, and most successful country in the history of human civilization;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States, which has endured for nearly a quarter of a millennium, is a towering and unparalleled achievement that has made the United States the world's oldest democracy and oldest independent constitutional republic;

Whereas the United States is built on the rule of law and institutional equality;

Whereas the rights of the people of the United States derive from natural law and are transcendent and inalienable; our rights do not derive from any temporal authority, government, national origin, or any racial or ethnic identification; this vision is as revolutionary today as it was almost 250 years ago;

Whereas the United States tradition of principled pluralism has allowed it to become a bastion of civil rights and individual liberty as evidenced by the abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, and the success of free market capitalism;

Whereas the United States helped bring an end to World War I, defeated totalitarianism in World War II, implemented the Marshall Plan, and defeated Soviet Com-

munism in the Cold War, making America and the world more free, prosperous, and secure;

Whereas the United States constitutional Government and the free enterprise system it enables is the key to our future freedom and prosperity, and is the world's best hope for confronting 21st-century economic, technological, social, and political challenges;

Whereas no economic system has lifted more people out of poverty than the free enterprise system;

Whereas Socialist policies have failed catastrophically, particularly in United States cities, and inflicted enormous economic pain and injustice on predominantly middle to lower income families and minority communities;

Whereas policymakers have a moral and institutional responsibility to create the conditions for the creation of 21st-century jobs for American workers;

Whereas United States national security depends on its economic security, which is imperiled by the Federal Government's unsustainable fiscal course and national debt;

Whereas Congress should restore regular order, end the era of "omnibus" spending bills, and aspire to consider legislation that addresses one subject with one bill in a manner that it is targeted, transparent, and comprehensible to the public;

Whereas the House of Representatives is the People's House and should be accessible and open to ensure that every citizen has a right to petition their government;

Whereas the United States health care system is operating within an antiquated regulatory framework created in 1942 that is incompatible with the 21st-century economy;

Whereas the problem in health care is not that the free market has failed; the problem is it has never been tried;

Whereas patients in the United States are demanding freedom, choice, and control;

Whereas socialized, government-run health care systems like those in the United Kingdom would be cruelly inefficient and lead to rationing;

Whereas the reckless, irresponsible, and ineffective Green New Deal suggests a permanent lockdown on the American economy not unlike the economic duress of COVID-19, grant Communist China a competitive advantage, and inflict injustice on American communities through higher energy prices all while doing nothing to reduce global temperatures;

Whereas using concerns about climate to advance unrelated Socialist goals like government-run health care and universal basic income is an irresponsible tactic that delays reforms that can improve environmental stewardship;

Whereas an “all of the above” energy policy that utilizes renewables, nuclear energy, and fossil fuels is superior to an “everything but” policy that naively and dangerously undermines American energy independence;

Whereas hydraulic fracking, a private sector innovation, has done more to reduce greenhouse gas emissions than any other innovation or government regulation in the past two decades;

Whereas free economies are clean economies;

Whereas central planning traps people in poverty and slows innovation;

Whereas a carbon tax is a coercive and counterproductive government mechanism that would delay the development and deployment of clean energy technology;

Whereas the Democrats' climate alarmism is intellectually dishonest based on their unwillingness to take immediate action;

Whereas the First Amendment guarantees of free speech and free expression of thought are essential to developing effective policies that advance the public good and facilitate the peaceful resolution of conflict;

Whereas illiberalism or "cancel culture" is anti-intellectual, anti-American, and a rejection of the foundational principles of pluralism;

Whereas the Second Amendment was created to protect the First Amendment;

Whereas failing schools for American children is the foremost civil liberties issue in American society, and parents must have the right to choose the best educational opportunity for their own child;

Whereas China is set to overtake the United States as the global leader in key categories if the United States fails to advance a bold freedom agenda;

Whereas China is actively working to build a strategic alliance with totalitarian and antidemocratic states like Iran, Russia, and North Korea; and

Whereas the Democrats' failed border policy is a threat to the Nation's security and the rule of law: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that it is the duty of the Federal Government
3 to—

4 (1) create a commission modeled after the Base
5 Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) to
6 reduce government spending by one-third by 2031,
7 consistent with the findings of President Reagan’s
8 Grace Commission report that declared one-third of
9 government spending is wasteful;

10 (2) enact a balanced budget amendment;

11 (3) turnaround the mismanagement of Social
12 Security, because Americans want to help the needy
13 by incentivizing people to work and get off entitle-
14 ment programs;

15 (4) abolish the income tax and direct the Ways
16 and Means Committee to develop a replacement
17 based on a consumption tax or flat tax by 2026;

18 (5) expand Opportunity Zones;

19 (6) demand instant COVID compensation from
20 Communist China based on an economic analysis of
21 lost public and private sector revenue;

22 (7) promote and celebrate the American manu-
23 facturing and agriculture industry by incentivizing
24 domestic production;

25 (8) abolish the Department of Education;

1 (9) establish the English language as the offi-
2 cial language of the United States;

3 (10) downsize and consolidate nonessential and
4 wasteful functions of the Departments of Agri-
5 culture, Commerce, Energy, Health and Human
6 Services, Housing and Urban Development, the Inte-
7 rior, Labor, and Transportation and the Environ-
8 mental Protection Agency;

9 (11) create a study to review all spending with-
10 in Federal agencies in order to cut outrageous waste
11 and spending and reallocating a portion of those
12 funds to localized nonprofits dedicated to fighting
13 the opioid epidemic, promoting entrepreneurship
14 within the veteran community, and promoting patri-
15 otic civil engagement;

16 (12) recognize the past abuse that Directors of
17 three letter agencies have committed in order to pre-
18 vent future abuse of power;

19 (13) impose term limits on Members of Con-
20 gress, such as six terms for Members of the House
21 of Representatives and two terms for Senators, to
22 incentivize long-term and strategic policymaking;

23 (14) impose term limits on Federal career em-
24 ployees;

1 (15) ensure all congressional bills move through
2 proper order in their respective committees, that all
3 amendments are germane, and that there is only one
4 subject matter per one bill;

5 (16) protect employer-sponsored insurance from
6 single-payer, government-run health care schemes
7 that would abolish employer-sponsored as well as in-
8 dividual insurance;

9 (17) protect patients with preexisting condi-
10 tions;

11 (18) require price transparency;

12 (19) end America's 80-year discrimination
13 against self-employed workers by equalizing the tax
14 treatment of health care purchased by such individ-
15 uals and employer-provided healthcare, by providing
16 generous subsidies, offset by cuts to government
17 waste, through States allowing individuals to shop
18 for their own health insurance and choose their own
19 doctors;

20 (20) preserve health care freedom and choice
21 and expand health savings accounts;

22 (21) end monopolies in the health care system
23 and among hospitals by unleashing individual choice
24 and free market competition;

1 (22) guarantee health care choice for America’s
2 veterans;

3 (23) expand the use and availability of tele-
4 medicine;

5 (24) ensure that parents rights are upheld, that
6 parents can decide what school system is best for
7 their child, and that the Federal funding should fol-
8 low the student to whichever education institution
9 the student attends without stipulation;

10 (25) prevent taxpayer dollars from funding
11 anti-American critical race theory;

12 (26) create a study and analysis that document
13 decades of failed progressive governance in our Na-
14 tion’s urban centers;

15 (27) prevent Federal funding for cities that
16 have defunded their police and law enforcement;

17 (28) recognize that life begins at conception;

18 (29) enact a parental bill of rights;

19 (30) make “political affiliation” protected from
20 workplace discrimination;

21 (31) protect individual Americans from violence
22 by recognizing that every American who can legally
23 own a firearm has the ability to carry and conceal
24 firearms in every State without a permit;

1 (32) prevent future weapons bans by abolishing
2 the outdated National Firearms Act of 1934;

3 (33) incentivize the use of modular nuclear re-
4 actors through expedited permitting;

5 (34) incorporate underutilized hydropower into
6 our energy grid;

7 (35) invest in basic research and development
8 to accelerate the development and deployment of
9 breakthrough technologies using an “all of the above
10 energy” strategy;

11 (36) immediately resume work on the Keystone
12 pipeline;

13 (37) immediately withdraw from the Paris Cli-
14 mate Agreement;

15 (38) demand that China, the world’s worst pol-
16 luter, dismantle concentration camps, grant free
17 speech rights to religious and political minorities,
18 and offer a formal apology for the Tiananmen
19 Square massacre;

20 (39) impose tariffs on Chinese goods that are
21 produced under conditions that violate American
22 clean air standards;

23 (40) reform the outdated and cumbersome Na-
24 tional Environmental Policy Act;

1 (41) protect the United States access to critical
2 minerals to give the United States a global competi-
3 tive edge;

4 (42) end the Democrats’ irresponsible border
5 policies, complete President Trump’s border wall,
6 and reassert President Reagan’s vision of a “shining
7 city on a hill” that includes both walls and doors for
8 those who want to enter our country legally;

9 (43) prohibit Federal funding to sanctuary cit-
10 ies;

11 (44) focus on fighting human trafficking;

12 (45) formally recognize the independence and
13 sovereignty of Taiwan;

14 (46) use a portion of savings generated from
15 the BRAC-style government downsize commission to
16 upgrade our Nation’s transportation and techno-
17 logical infrastructure by repairing structurally defi-
18 cient bridges, creating a technologically sound 21st
19 century highway system, and delivering broadband
20 access to rural areas and other underserved commu-
21 nities;

22 (47) break up big tech monopolies and reform
23 section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
24 U.S.C. 230);

1 (48) deregulate cryptocurrencies and incentivize
2 blockchain innovation;

3 (49) continue President Trump's work of re-
4 building America's military and prepare it to con-
5 front 21st-century threats;

6 (50) immediately return war making powers to
7 Congress;

8 (51) position our military to dominate air, land,
9 sea, and space by upgrading existing assets and in-
10 vesting in cyber, artificial intelligence, hypersonic
11 weapons, and the Space Force; and

12 (52) prioritize getting our veterans back to
13 work and easing the transition from military life to
14 civilian life through fellowship programs and by cre-
15 ating economic opportunities.

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