

The resolution I originally wrote and submitted to the RNC Resolutions Committee before the meeting in January called for the following action:

(1) **effectively close the borders** of the United States to illegal immigration, (2) **identify all persons** who are currently in the United States in violation of immigration and naturalization laws and **arrange for their return** to their country of origin as expeditiously as may be reasonably possible, (3) establish a **functional guest worker program** which includes a reliable means of verifying the identity of each guest worker to his or her employer and **provides no preference** for those persons presently in the United States illegally.

After my resolution was filed, I became aware of the resolution drafted by Randy Pullen from Arizona and began working with him to produce a consolidation of our two resolutions. Because his resolution could not be amended and mine could, the consolidation was drafted to be a committee amendment to my resolution. It called for the following action:

(1) **Effectively close the borders** of the United States to illegal immigration and all other illegal crossings, using our military if necessary;

(2) **Identify all persons** who are currently in the United States in violation of immigration and naturalization laws and **arrange for their return** to their country of origin as expeditiously as reasonably possible;

(3) **Preclude automatic citizenship** for children born in the United States to persons in the United States in violation of immigration and naturalization laws;

(4) **Withhold all federal funds** from any city, state or local jurisdiction that acts as a sanctuary for illegal aliens and prohibits or thwarts enforcement of existing immigration laws; and

(5) After effectively closing our borders to illegal entry, **revise our present work visa program** to remove the means by which it is abused and allow workers from other countries with **verifiable backgrounds** to enter the United States to work for a **fixed period of time**, requiring that such workers **retain their citizenship** in the country from which they come and **leave the United States** concurrently with the expiration of their work visa, requiring a reliable means to continually **verify the identity and location** of each such worker, and **providing no preference** for those persons presently in the United States illegally.

The resolution adopted by the RNC, which was a committee substitute for my resolution drafted by the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, called for the following actions:

(1) **effectively close the borders** of the United States to illegal immigration and all other illegal crossings, (2) **identify all persons** who are currently in the United States in violation of immigration and naturalization laws and **demand their full compliance with the laws** governing the United States, and (3) establish a **functional program** which will allow workers from other countries to enter the United States to work for a **fixed period of time**, a program which includes a reliable means of **continually verifying the identity and location** of each such worker and provides **no amnesty** for those persons presently in the United States illegally.

The following excerpts are from the 2004 platform of the Republican Party of Texas:

Border Protection – The Party believes that Congress should adequately staff and fund the United States Border Patrol to protect our borders and our Border Patrol personnel. The Party urges the President to deploy our military forces if needed to secure our international borders, and that the United States Border Patrol be deployed within the U.S. to locate and secure all illegal aliens who have previously entered our country and expedite their return to their source country.

Legal Immigration – The Party believes that America has greatly benefited from immigrants who have legally come to this country to work and begin a new life reflecting American values and traditions.

We support:

1. the assimilation of immigrants into the American culture;
2. setting immigration quotas to levels sufficient to meet the needs of the country;
3. screening potential immigrants for communicable diseases;
4. Congressional oversight of federal agencies to follow up over-stayed visas;
5. Congress providing for an end to the practice of “chain migration”;
6. background checks on foreign students before issuing a student visa;
7. cutting funding to state universities that give lower in-state tuition rates to immigrants on student visas, or that refuse to cooperate with the foreign student tracking system;
8. firm and consistent enforcement of all existing immigration laws; and
9. marking of all state driver’s licenses issued to non-citizens as “Non-Citizens”, to avoid voter fraud.

Illegal Immigration – The Party believes that security of our borders is an urgent national interest.

The Party opposes illegal immigration and all forms of amnesty, or legal status for illegal immigrants irrespective of program name or race.

We support:

1. expeditious hearings on deporting non-violent illegal immigrants held in prisons or jails;
2. suspending automatic U.S. citizenship to children born to illegal immigrant parents;
3. elimination of federal funding to cities that have “sanctuary” laws prohibiting local police from identifying and reporting illegal immigrants to federal authorities;
4. empowering state and local law enforcement agencies with the authority, responsibility and resources needed to detain illegal immigrants within the course of their regular duties;
5. the rejection of non-verifiable foreign-issued cards, such as *matricula consular* as valid identification for official documentation purposes;
6. investigation and strict prosecution of agencies, businesses or persons involved in the production, distribution or acceptance of phony identification documents;
7. elimination of day labor work centers;
8. elimination of all laws requiring hospitals to give non-emergency medical care to illegal immigrants;
9. elimination of government funding to illegal immigrants for education, housing and business loans;
10. pass legislation which prevents China, Chinese citizens, and any other foreign country and/or its citizens from using the judicial system and courts of the United States to file and try lawsuits that grant entrance of the foreign people to the U.S. or become missing persons; and
11. strong document verification prior to the issuance of a Texas drivers license to anyone.

The following excerpt is from the platform of the Republican Party of the United States:

Supporting Humane and Legal Immigration

The Republican Party supports reforming the immigration system to ensure that it is legal, safe, orderly and humane. It also supports measures to ensure that the immigration system is structured to address the needs of national security. America is a stronger and better nation because of the hard work and entrepreneurial spirit of immigrants, and the Republican Party honors them. A growing economy requires a growing number of workers, and President Bush has proposed a new temporary worker program that applies when no Americans can be found to fill the jobs. This new program would allow workers who currently hold jobs to come out of the shadows and to participate legally in America’s economy. It would allow men and women who enter the program to apply for citizenship in the same manner as those who apply from outside the United States. There must be strong workplace enforcement with tough

penalties against employees and employers who violate immigration laws. We oppose amnesty because it would have the effect of encouraging illegal immigration and would give an unfair advantage to those who have broken our laws. To better ensure that immigrants enter the United States only through legal means that allow for verification of their identity, reconnaissance cameras, border patrol agents, and unmanned aerial flights have all been increased at the border. In addition, Border Patrol agents now have sweeping new powers to deport illegal aliens without having first to go through the cumbersome process of allowing the illegal alien to have a hearing before an immigration judge. We support these efforts to enforce the law while welcoming immigrants who enter America through legal avenues.