

The Texas Federation of Republican Women

Offered by the Resolution Committee

**Approved by the Board of Directors on the 8th day of August 2008
effective immediately**

A Resolution to recommend that President George W. Bush commute the sentences of U.S. Border Patrol agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean

The members of the Texas Federation of Republican Women resolve that

WHEREAS, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals has unexpectedly upheld the most serious, yet the most unjustified charge, the application of the Gun Control Act of 1968 against these two Border Patrol agents; and

WHEREAS, Congress intended this law to be used to deter criminals from carrying guns during the commission of their criminal activity and not to be applied against law enforcement officers who are required to carry guns while on duty; and

WHEREAS, this law carries a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years in prison and is unduly harsh for the actions for which the Border Agents were convicted; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Ted Poe of Houston, who served for over 30 years as a prosecutor and Criminal District Judge, and Congressman Bill Delahunt of Massachusetts, who served as a prosecutor and District Attorney for over 20 years, have joined to lead a bipartisan effort to appeal to President George W. Bush to personally intervene and commute the sentences of these two former agents; and

WHEREAS, this injustice needs to be rectified immediately because it is not only unjust to these men, but this sentence sends a demoralizing message to all law enforcement and an encouraging message to those wishing to do us harm;

RESOLVED, that the Texas Federation of Republican Women hereby urges President George W. Bush, without further delay, to commute the sentences of Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean.

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**A Resolution to recommend that the United States Congress pass
legislation immediately to tap into America's vast energy sources**

The members of the Texas Federation of Republican Women resolve that

WHEREAS, the “Drill Here, Drill Now, Pay Less” movement is favored by a vast majority of Americans of every political and ideological leaning and it will effect real change now and beyond the 2008 elections; and

WHEREAS; the “Drill Here, Drill Now, Pay Less” movement supports a blueprint for environmentally responsible ways to produce more American energy to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and provide real solutions to our energy challenges; and

WHEREAS; the “Drill Here, Drill Now, Pay Less” movement validates our fundamental belief that the scale of change required is so large that a new approach to public policy is necessary and should be implemented across all levels of government

RESOLVED, that the Texas Federation of Republican Women urge the United States Congress to act immediately to lower gasoline prices, as well as diesel and other fuel prices by authorizing the exploration of proven energy reserves here inside the United States and off our coasts to reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources from unstable countries.

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**Offered by the Ballot Security Committee and the Resolutions
Committee**

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**A Joint Resolution to recommend that the United States Congress and
the Texas Legislature enact legislation to require photo ID in order to
Vote.**

The members of the Texas Federation of Republican Women resolve that

WHEREAS, our country and state were founded on democratic principles and have engaged in struggles to ensure that every citizen can vote; and

WHEREAS, Texans and all Americans take election integrity seriously and do not want their vote disenfranchised by fraudulent elections; and

WHEREAS, secure and fair elections promote our elective democracy, while even the potential for voter fraud, undermines faith in the election process; and

WHEREAS, voter identification is favored by a large majority of both Texans and Americans; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Texas Federation of Republican Women hereby urges the United States Congress, and every Texas State Representative and Senator to pass legislation requiring photo identification to vote.