

## **Resolution Opposing Senator Chuck Hagel for Secretary of Defense**

Whereas former U. S. Senator Chuck Hagel has been nominated by President Barack Obama to be Secretary of Defense, and

Whereas, the appropriate committee of the United States Senate has conducted a public hearing at which Senator Chuck Hagel testified and was questioned under oath about his views on several subjects with which a Secretary of Defense should be familiar, and

Whereas, it is the opinion of many of those who watched this public hearing that Senator Hagel was unprepared to participate in it, and

Whereas, the answers given by Senator Hagel were not satisfactory to many persons who value the capability of this country to defend itself against foreign enemies, and

Whereas, public statements by Senator Hagel regarding countries that we believe to be enemies of the United States of America have been favorable toward those countries, and

Whereas, public statements and testimony before the Senate Committee indicate that Senator Hagel is not a supporter of Israel, the only dependable ally the United States of America has in that part of the world, and

Whereas, several respected United States Senators have asked President Obama to withdraw the nomination of Senator Hagel to be Secretary of Defense, and

Whereas, Senator Richard Shelby of Alabama has publicly announced his support for Senator Hagel to be Secretary of Defense, and

Whereas, many Alabama citizens have expressed outrage at Senator Shelby's decision.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Steering Committee of the Alabama Republican Party that we do hereby respectfully call upon Senator Shelby to reconsider and reverse his decision to support Senator Hagel to be Secretary of Defense, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Steering Committee hereby directs the Secretary of the Alabama Republican Party to send a copy of this resolution to Senator Shelby and, if possible, obtain confirmation that he has personally seen it, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Steering Committee hereby directs the staff of the Alabama Republican Party to distribute a copy of this resolution as widely as practical to the news media in the state.

February 25, 2013

Date Signed

Sallie Bryant

Secretary, Alabama Republican Party