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A RESOLUTION ON CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE (CHL) RIGHTS

WHEREAS, Texans of all walks of life and political affiliations possess God-given rights, many of which are enumerated for protection in the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States specifically provides: "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." (U.S. CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT II); and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has recently issued executive orders which have the effect of infringing on the right of law-abiding Americans to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS most mass public shootings (such as the tragic events in schools, cinemas and other public places), have occurred in areas—so-called "gun free zones"—having the highest level of infringement of 2nd Amendment rights; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party and recent executive orders seek to trample on law abiding individuals' 2nd Amendment right; and

WHEREAS, there are currently restrictions on where concealed handgun license (CHL) holders may carry; and

WHEREAS, the second amendment should not stop at the borders of universities, schools, hospitals, public meetings, or governmental bodies; and

WHEREAS, virtually all national shooting catastrophes have been stopped by gun-carrying persons; and

WHEREAS, all CHL holders undergo a strict background check; and

WHEREAS, areas where concealed-carry licenses have been allowed, studies found that crimes committed against citizens have dropped dramatically and studies show that right-to-carry laws have decreased murder rates;

WE THEREFORE RESOLVE that the Texas Legislature consider lifting a ban on no-carry zones at universities, schools, hospitals, public meetings, and governmental bodies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, properly enacted and executed this the 2^d day of March 2013, be transmitted to the Republican Caucuses of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Governor, each Republican member of the Texas Legislature, Republican county chairs and Republican Senate District chairs with the intent of further local distribution to local tea parties and other second amendment support groups.

This resolution was passed by the State Republican Executive Committee on March 2, 2013