

Resolution to Censure U.S. Senator Richard Burr

Whereas, the North Carolina Republican Party was unified in its commitment to elect republican senatorial candidate Richard M. Burr, contributing countless hours and millions of dollars in donations to his campaigns in 2004, 2010 and 2016; and

Whereas, as a U.S. Senator, Richard M. Burr rose to the position of Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, with access to the nation's most sensitive classified information; and

Whereas, in May 2019, after close-out of the Mueller Report finding no collusion between Russia and the 2016 Trump Campaign, Senator Burr issued a Senate Intelligence Committee subpoena to Donald Trump, Jr., unwisely extending the more than 2-year investigation and distracting the President and his team from other, more important duties; and

Whereas, in his capacity as Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee in early 2020, Senator Burr received special intelligence briefings about the potential impacts of the Chinese Coronavirus on national business and finance of the Chinese Coronavirus- information not available to the general public or Wall Street; and

Whereas, Senator Burr co-authored a Fox News Op-Ed on February 7, 2020 lauding U.S. preparation and readiness for COVID-19, expressing confidence the U.S. Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act has postured the U.S to adequately manage the Coronavirus and other future biological threats; and

Whereas, on the eve of the early 2020 stock market high on February 13, 2020, Senator Burr (and his relatives) liquidated 33 stocks he owned, valued between \$628,000 and \$1,700,000, which eventually led to SEC and FBI investigations into possible illegal insider trading ahead of the 2020 stock market crash; and

Whereas, the appearance of insider trading by Senator Burr triggered subpoenas of his cell phone and personal records, resulted in a 10-month investigation; and caused him to step down as Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, damaging the reputation of the Republican National Committee and the Republican Party of North Carolina; and

Whereas, on February 9, 2021 Senator Burr voted against proceeding with the second impeachment trial of President Donald J. Trump because it was unconstitutional; and

Whereas, on February 13, 2021 Senator Burr was one of only seven republican senators who voted to convict former President Donald J. Trump, assigning responsibility to him for promoting conspiracy theories (which was not a charge in the impeachment) and for inciting an insurrection (which was disproven at trial).

Therefore, be it resolved, the Executive Committee of Orange County, North Carolina Republican Party formally and irrevocably censures US Senator Richard Burr for gross impropriety in a position of trust and honor for disloyalty to President Trump and his constituents of Orange County, North Carolina during his service to the State and Nation as a US Senator.

Be it further resolved, the Executive Committee of the Orange County GOP permanently bans Richard M. Burr from entering the premises of the Orange County GOP and from participating in any future Orange County GOP activities. Senator Burr should retire now and be replaced by an interim qualified candidate before the 2022 election.

Adopted: February 14, 2021 by the Executive Committee of the Orange County GOP, North Carolina.

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