

## A RESOLUTION

Urging the Speaker of the Georgia State House of Representatives, David Ralston (R-Blue Ridge), who is a defense attorney and member of the Georgia State Bar, to resign his leadership position as Speaker.

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the collective attention of the Gwinnett Republican Party that Georgia House Speaker David Ralston is perversely abusing the power of his office, which is conferred upon him by the elected members of the State House, to needlessly delay the trials of his private clients for financial gain; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Ralston, in both his capacities as a private defense attorney and the Speaker of the House, has allowed these near indefinite trial delays for individuals indicted for child rape, child molestation, DUI, domestic violence and other serious crimes against the public; and

WHEREAS, such delays carried out by Speaker Ralston are unethical exploitations and perversions of a century old law, O.C.G.A 17-8-26, that was intended to allow **temporary** continuances for lawyer-legislative members of the General Assembly to conduct public business on behalf of the citizens of Georgia during the 40 day legislative session; and

WHEREAS, by commanding obscene retainer fees to dispense such perverse exploitation within our judicial system, Ralston's abuse of power permits criminals to escape justice, whereby such is repugnant to U.S. Constitution's Sixth Amendment (right to a speedy trial) and to Georgia's Speedy Trial Code (O.C.G.A. 17-7-170).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GWINNETT REPUBLICAN PARTY that the delegates of this convention and its executive committee urgently demand the resignation of the Georgia Speaker of the House of Representatives, David Ralston (R-Blue Ridge), as a result of his egregious abuse of power and moral turpitude.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE GWINNETT REPUBLICAN PARTY urge all Republican members of the State House vote to remove David Ralston as Speaker, should he be defiant in resigning his leadership post and, in addition, to change O.C.G.A. 17-8-26 to prevent any future Speaker of the State House from abusing such power to delay justice for victims.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE GWINNETT REPUBLICAN PARTY recognizes that these egregious acts exhibited by Speaker David Ralston are injurious to the political prospects of Georgia Republicans succeeding in the 2020 elections, including the U.S. Presidency down to locally elected offices throughout the State.