

**SREC RESOLUTION ON THE NOMINATION OF JOHN BRADLEY TO THE TEXAS
FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the independent appointment power of the Governor of Texas is an important and time-honored power granted by the Texas Constitution, and this power should be preserved from partisan attacks and erosion; and,

WHEREAS, the rule of law is what is important to the fair proceedings of any independent commission in carrying forth its mission; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has established a position for an individual with a prosecutor's background to serve on the Texas Forensic Science Commission and Governor Rick Perry has used his constitutional power to appoint a well-qualified individual and prosecutor, Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley to this role; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Forensic Science Commission is preparing to finalize a report on the Willingham case, addressing a complaint brought by a group known as the Innocence Project - a New York corporation with the publicly-stated purpose of using celebrity name and media attention to attack the death penalty and which has a Board of Directors chaired by Texas Democratic State Senator Rodney Ellis; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Rodney Ellis has exerted undue and questionable influence to impact the final Senate confirmation of John Bradley, while serving as a Democratic State Senator who also maintains a fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of the New York anti-death penalty corporation that he chairs; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Texas does condemn attempts to unduly influence the rule of law, the independent examination of the facts and forensics, and the efforts of the Texas Forensic Science Commission to finalize a report in the Willingham case through attacks from Texas Democrats led by Senator Rodney Ellis in his unique relationship as the Chairman of the Board with the complaining corporation in the case; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee urges Republican State Senators to help defend the constitutional right of Texas Governors to make independent appointments, by securing the final approval of Governor Perry's nomination of John Bradley to the Texas Forensic Science Commission, and to prevent state commissions from becoming forums for outside and outspoken advocacy groups such as the Innocence Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each Republican member of the Texas Senate.