HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 74

By Holt

A RESOLUTION relative to Common Core standards.

WHEREAS, activist parents in five states, Indiana, Missouri, South Carolina, Oklahoma, and North Carolina, realized that their children's curriculums had been "dumbed down" by implementation of the Common Core standards, which were never approved by their state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, these grass-roots activist parents lobbied their state legislatures to fight the political establishment to slow down or stop the implementation of the Common Core standards; and

WHEREAS, despite the huge funding advantage of those backing the standards, these parents were successful in rolling back the implementation of the Common Core standards in their home states; and

WHEREAS, parents in other states are embroiled in the same David vs. Goliath fight to resist the federalization of education via the Common Core standards; and

WHEREAS, these parents are reclaiming our heritage of citizen-directed government and inspiring others to enter the public square; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee commended the work and spirit of the mothers, fathers, and other citizens who fought or are fighting to persuade their state executive and legislative branches to faithfully and fully resist federal intrusion into education policymaking, particularly via the Common Core standards; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee recognized that the mothers, fathers, and other citizens engaged in this effort are, through their activism, following in the footsteps of the Founders; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Tennessee General Assembly, in conjunction with the governor and the department of education, should be the next such state to remove the Common Core standards from implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.