

AN RNC RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO FULLY INVESTIGATE OPERATION FAST AND FURIOUS AND THE MURDER OF CBP AGENT BRIAN TERRY

WHEREAS, Customs and Border Patrol Officer Brian Terry was killed in the line of duty while pursuing smuggling suspects outside of Rio Rico, AZ on December 14,2010; and,

WHEREAS, suspects in the murder of Officer Brian Terry and the assault of his fellow officers were found to have used weapons while committing the crimes which they came into possession through a failed federal program supervised by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (hereinafter referred to as BATFE) known as "Fast and Furious"; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,500 weapons were sold illegally to known or suspected straw purchasers with the cooperation of the BATFE who frequently ordered gun dealers to conduct sales which the dealers believed were suspicious; and,

WHEREAS, the BATFE ordered its agents working in the program not to arrest the illegal straw purchasers and prevented the interdiction of the weapons that were obtained by criminals; and,

WHEREAS, BATFE officials were briefed on a regular basis on the operation and approved the tactics; and,

WHEREAS, the BATFE agents who opposed the operation and who raised objections were threatened with job retaliation if they continued their opposition; and,

WHEREAS, according to internal Department of Justice documents Attorney General Eric Holder was briefed on "Operation Fast and Furious" with its various problems as early as July 2010 but during Congressional testimony he claimed he had no knowledge of the program; and,

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration has sealed all of the investigation files related to the murder of Officer Brian Terry; and,

WHEREAS , the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has subpoenaed all of the documents held by federal officials but have been blocked repeatedly in their efforts to fully investigate the death of Officer Terry, the BATFE's gun smuggling programs and the Department of Justice's involvement in the case; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED , that the members of the Republican National Committee commend Chairman Issa and Ranking Member Grassley for their efforts to review the "Fast and Furious" scandal in Congress and call for the appointment of an independent special prosecutor to conduct a full and complete inquiry of the BATFE's and the Department of Justice's failed policies which permitted illegal smuggling of weapons and the circumstances related to the criminal murder of a federal officer in order to facilitate the prosecution of the straw purchasers, the gun smugglers, the perpetrators of the murder, and any federal official found to have violated the law or the civil rights of all injured parties in the above mentioned case; and,

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of this resolution the Republican National Committee shall deliver a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States Barack Obama, Attorney General Eric Holder, all of the members of Congress, all Republican candidates for Congress, all Republican candidates for

President who qualify for RNC sanctioned debates, and to each Republican state and territorial party office.

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