



## From the Chairman



Fellow Members of Our Committee and Friends of Our Party,

Things have not slowed down in Republican politics since the beginning of 2021 and a Democrat-led federal government, nor should they. We have no time to feel sorry for ourselves because the 2022 mid-term elections will be here soon, and we need to use every minute to get ready for the show-down they will no-doubt become. As I explained in the last newsletter, the Biden White House is working furiously to implement policies that contradict every sound principle of government that we stand for, and it is our job to hold him and all Democrats to account in the next election.

In Alabama we have a new chairman of the state Republican Party, Mr. John Wahl, who hails from nearby Limestone County. It is great to see a strong conservative Republican from north Alabama leading the Party, and I'm sure that we'll continue to see the ALGOP moving more toward the strong conservative principles of limited government, lower taxes, and individual liberty. With state-wide candidates committed to these principles, Alabama has a bright future as a leading red state and a burgeoning economic powerhouse in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In Colbert County it seems we're ahead of everyone else, with candidates having declared for local elections months ago and getting geared up for campaigns this summer and fall. We are also seeing early federal candidates, including our guest this month, Ambassador Lynda Blanchard, who is

running for U.S. Senate. As was the case with Senator Tuberville, all candidates now realize that to win the big state-wide elections it is essential to campaign in Colbert County.

As the committee with responsibility for the activities of the Republican Party in Colbert County, it is important for the CCREC to continue to provide leadership for our members, and supporters, and our candidates as we move into another election season. Races are the goal, but principles matter. We must communicate our message that freedom and liberty will allow our citizens to lead themselves to achieve whatever goals they set for themselves. We must reject the nanny-state that the Democrats want to impose on us with their government programs to run every aspect of our lives and their arbitrary rules for what we can say or even think. Let's use the time we have now to refine our platform, strengthen our organization, raise funds, and prepare for the 2022 show-down.

The next meeting of the CCREC will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the back meeting room at Donna and Friends Restaurant, located at 1325 Avalon Ave, Muscle Shoals.

Watch Facebook and your email for more information about coming events and opportunities.

Phill Green, Chairman, CCREC



**Guest for March’s CCREC Meeting: U.S. Senate Candidate and former Ambassador Lynda Blanchard**



The CCREC is honored to host Ambassador Lynda Blanchard as our guest during our business meeting in March. Amb. Blanchard was appointed by President Trump to be ambassador to First Lady Melania Trump’s home country of Slovenia in 2019. She served there through the end of the President’s term.

Amb. Blanchard is from Montgomery and went to school at Auburn University where she studied math and computer science. She went on to found B&M Management Company, a real estate investment firm, in 1993. Later, she created the 100X Development Foundation, a non-profit organization focused on eradicating poverty among children around the world. Along with her business and philanthropic efforts, Amb. Blanchard found time to be an international adoptive parent and mother to 8.

On February 18<sup>th</sup> Amb. Blanchard made her announcement to run for the Senate seat currently held by Sen. Richard Shelby. Her official campaign website can be found at <http://lyndablanchard.com/>

**March Agenda**

The Committee will approve minutes and treasurer’s reports during the upcoming meeting, and continue discussing plans for

2021. We will also consider nominations to fill the empty seat in place 3 of district 6. Ambassador Lynda Blanchard will be our guest and will deliver some brief remarks about her campaign for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate, to replace Sen Shelby, who will retire in 2023.

**Upcoming Events**

Following is the most current calendar of events for the Committee. The primary focus of activities will center around qualification of candidates for the important roles of sheriff, district judge, coroner, district attorney, and members of the county board of education for districts 1&6.

Keep these dates in mind when planning your individual and campaign calendars.

Colbert County Committee Events Calendar	
Date	Event
March 22, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
April 26, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
May 24, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
June 28, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
July 26, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
August 23, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
September 17, 2021	Constitution Day Dinner
September 27, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
October 25, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
November 22, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
Jan-Feb 2022	Qualification for Sheriff, Colbert Board of Ed dist 1&6, Coroner, District Court Judge, District Attorney,
May 24, 2022	Primary Election
November 8, 2022	General Election



## CCREC Special Events for 2021

Look for more information in emails and on Facebook about special events coming up.

## A Colbert County Platform for Judicial and Law Enforcement Offices

As we approach the time for candidate qualifications, which will occur early in 2022, I urge our committee members and all voters to consider our expectations of candidates we'd like to see elected. We will elect a district judge, district attorney, and sheriff next year, and I believe it is important to enter into the qualification season with a strong platform of principles by which we'll communicate our expectations of any officeholder.

I have begun to assemble a list of items that I would like to see candidates support. In the coming months I would like to hear input from members and others about possible additions and refinements to this list.

First, I would like to see candidates support a public posting of the case processing times for our local courts. Voters should know how long the process takes to bring cases in our courts and to have them properly adjudicated. For proper consideration, statistics for cases in our county should be compared to other counties with similar populations.

I would like to see our judiciary races eventually opened to candidates from outside the county/circuit/district in which they intend to serve. The reason for this is simple. Under the current system, a candidate for judge may only be chosen from the bar-certified lawyers who live in the county served by the court where he/she wants to be the judge. Since most lawyers appear in

courts serving the county where they live, this means that unless a sitting judge chooses to retire or dies in office, a lawyer seeking to run against him/her is choosing to run against the judge in whose court they must appear and bring cases daily.

Of course, this is an impossible situation, and it is the reason that incumbent judges almost NEVER have opposition in elections. This is not a situation that serves voters who deserve to have a choice in judicial elections. Allowing lawyers to run for election in counties outside of their home-county, like we already do with school superintendent candidates, would help bring more choices to voters for the critical roles of circuit and district judges.

Statistics for local crime rates, including their frequency and trending data, should be posted on the local county website. While some of this information can be found on other sites like the FBI, we deserve to see how our county law enforcement and judicial system is serving us in terms of crime reduction and safety in a convenient and easily referenced place. Such a resource should show how crime is either increasing or decreasing and compare these rates to other counties with similar populations.

In addition to these ideas, I would also like to have a discussion about specific items we want to see candidates support like programs to reduce domestic abuse and illegal drug use. Having this discussion and developing a consensus among Republican voters around our expectations will certainly make a positive step in improving how law enforcement and our courts serve our community.



## **CCREC Dues are Payable for 2021**

We are making progress, but there are some members who still need to submit their dues payment for 2021.

Please recall that dues are also payable for Associate Members. The amount for 2021 was set by the CCREC in the January meeting at \$25.

Either CCREC or Associate Members may pay their dues with cash or check by bringing it directly to the next CCREC meeting, or mailing it to:

CCREC  
P.O. Box 4201  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35662

## **ALGOP 2021 Winter Meeting**

The Alabama Republican Party held its 2021 Winter Meeting on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel. Elections were held for officers to serve on the ALGOP Steering committee. Mr. John Wahl of Limestone County was elected to replace Terry Lathan as chairman of the state Party. John Skipper of Mobile County was elected as senior vice chairman. Lauderdale County chairman and ALGOP secretary Josh Dodd was elected vice chairman representing congressional districts 4 and 5. Carol Jahns from Autauga County was elected secretary, and Sallie Bryant from Jefferson County was unopposed in her run to remain the ALGOP treasurer.

The Committee passed twelve resolutions which I have listed in the next section. An amendment to the standing rules regarding “Denying Ballot Access” was listed on the agenda and had been submitted by Mr. Matthew Hitt of Madison County. The

proposed additional reason for denying a candidate access to the Republican ballot read as follows:

*Republican office holder willfully engages in conduct that disregards the principles of the Alabama Republican Party, the Platform of the Alabama Republican Party or a resolution properly passed by this Committee.*

Before this amendment could be introduced, a member made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Since under regular rules of order such a motion may not be debated, a vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned without taking up the issue of the amendment. I make note of it here to bring members attention to this effort to establish accountability for elected Republicans who seem to disregard the stated goals of the Republican Party. I was concerned about the language and the possibility that such a rule could be misused, but I applaud the sentiment behind it.

## **State Party Resolutions from the 2021 ALGOP Winter Meeting**

The Committee passed more resolutions during this meeting than anytime before in my recollection. I have included a list below of the titles and “resolved paragraphs” from all twelve resolutions brought to the floor. I have included my own commentary, which appears in plain font. Text copied from the resolutions appears in italics.

Resolutions passed:

*RESOLUTION NO 2021-01, RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE UNITED NATIONS*



*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee urges support for Congressman Rogers' H.R. 204, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee urges each member of the Alabama Congressional Delegation to co-sponsor H.R. 204, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act. Status: PASSED*

*RESOLUTION NO 2021-02, RESOLUTION URGING THE RESCINDING OF ALL ARTICLE V CONVENTION APPLICATIONS*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee that the Legislature of the State of Alabama be requested to rescind all applications by the Legislature of the State of Alabama to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America pursuant to Article V thereof; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee urges each member of the Alabama Legislature to oppose any and all other or additional applications to Congress of the United States of America to call a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America pursuant to the terms of Article V thereof; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to each member of the Legislature of the State of Alabama. Status: PASSED*

Here I would like to add some background information about this particular resolution. I was personally contacted by Mr. Wayne Christopher back in January 2019. Mr. Christopher asked me to support passing a CCREC resolution requesting that the Alabama legislature rescind its previous calls for an Article V convention to amend the U.S. Constitution. I thought it was unusual for a stranger to call and make such a request, so I did some research.

A quick internet search revealed that much of the literature that Mr. Christopher had sent to me directly reflected the positions of the John Birch Society. As I read more articles at the JBS website that warned about the dangers of an Article V convention, I discovered that their primary concern is that such a convention could turn into a “runaway” convention that could pass and enforce amendments to the Constitution without following the proper ratification process. [Here is a JBS video that explains their concern.](#)

Of course, we all should know that amendments to the U.S. Constitution, whether proposed by Congress or an Article V convention of states, require ratification by ¾ of states to become part of the Constitution. The JBS insists that a convention could “runaway” though, and they use the example of the convention in Philadelphia in 1787, where delegates met to amend the Articles of Confederation, but instead wrote a totally new Constitution. This is a silly argument because the delegates in 1787 weren't meeting under the authority of the U.S. Constitution, but instead the Articles of Confederation. Further, the new Constitution required ratification by 2/3 of states, and did



not claim to have any authority over states that refused to ratify. Of course, we know that all 13 original states did ratify the new Constitution. The 1787 convention was in no way an example of a “runaway” convention.

I didn’t know much about the JBS, but did some reading and found that they were also proponents of the U.S. withdrawing from the United Nations, which corresponds also with RESOLUTION NO 2021-01. Considering this along with the efforts like Mr. Christopher’s request for a CCREC resolution, it becomes obvious that members of the JBS are quite active in pushing their agenda items in the Alabama Republican Party. This fact alone may not necessarily be a big problem, but their reluctance to identify themselves as JBS members and the JBS’s history of controversial conspiracy theory positions bears careful watching.

**RESOLUTION NO 2021-03, RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PUBLICATION OF COST EFFECTIVENESS STUDY OF INVESTMENTS BY ALABAMA'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PROGRAMS**

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican Party calls on the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and on the individual university boards of trustees to conduct and publish a "cost versus benefits" analyses justifying budget requests for the funding of planned Diversity and Inclusion expenditures.*

*RESOLVED FURTHER that a copy of this resolution, once adopted, be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Alabama, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Chairman of the Alabama*

*Commission on Higher Education and to the president of every public college and university within the State of Alabama. Status: PASSED*

**RESOLUTION NO 2021-04**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REMOVAL OF CONGRESSWOMAN LIZ CHENEY AS HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE CHAIR**

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee that we urge each and every State Republican Executive Committee and the Republican members of the Alabama Delegation in Washington, DC to continue to seek the immediate removal of Congresswoman Liz Cheney as House Republican Conference Chair.*

*RESOLVED FURTHER that a copy of this resolution, once adopted, be sent to each State's Republican Executive Committee and to each Republican member of the Alabama Delegation in Washington, DC. Status: PASSED*

**RESOLUTION 2021-06, RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT OF KEEP NINE AMENDMENT**

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee ("ALGOP") hereby goes on record in support of the pending "Keep Nine Amendment" as filed in the United States Senate and House of Representatives with wide Republican support; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this ALGOP resolution, once adopted, be sent to both of Alabama's U.S. Senators, all of Alabama's Republican members of the*



*U.S. House of Representatives, Alabama's Governor, the Attorney General for the State of Alabama, all other Republican office holders of Constitutional offices within the State of Alabama, and to the principal offices of all Republican clubs and coalitions within the State of Alabama. Status: PASSED*

**RESOLUTION NO 2021-07, RESOLUTION COMMENDING CONGRESSMAN MO BROOKS**

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee commends Congressman Mo Brooks for his bold leadership and outstanding service to the people of the State of Alabama and the United States. Status: PASSED*

**RESOLUTION NO 2021-08, RESOLUTION HONORING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP**

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee that President Donald I. Trump is highly honored and commended, and that this resolution is offered to him in deepest appreciation for his dedication and sacrifice to our country in order to "Make America Great Again";*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, once adopted, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Republican Executive Committee of each state, to each Republican member of Alabama's United States Congressional Delegation, and to President Donald J. Trump. Status: PASSED*

**RESOLUTION NO 2021-09, RESOLUTION URGING ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION ALLOWING ACCESS BY HEALTHCARE**

**PATIENTS TO THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee urges every Republican member of the Alabama Senate and the Alabama House of Representatives to promptly enact legislation allowing patients in healthcare facilities to have direct access to family and friends under reasonable circumstances and at reasonable times that do not interfere with professional care by staff or violate existing law;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, upon adoption, be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Alabama, to the President pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate and to the Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives. Status: PASSED*

**RESOLUTION 2021-10, RESOLUTION SEEKING CLOSURE OF ALABAMA'S CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES AT TROY UNIVERSITY AND ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY**

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee does hereby voice its full support for the bill sponsored by State Representative Tommy Hanes seeking to prohibit the operation of Confucius Institutes on College and University campuses in Alabama;*

*RESOLVED FURTHER that a copy of this Resolution, once adopted, be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Alabama, the President pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate and the Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives. Status: PASSED*

**RESOLUTION 2021-12**



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*ASKING ALL HOUSE AND SENATE REPUBLICANS TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH WILL REMOVE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS/ASSESSMENTS, AND TERMINATE THE SOCIALIST ENGINEERING/INDOCTRINATION OF ALABAMA STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12*

(Refers to House Bill 440, which is currently pending committee action in House of Representatives)

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Alabama State Republican Executive Committee, ask our legislators to support legislation to repeal CCSS and remove the social engineering from our Alabama school system, thereby protecting Alabama students from the tremendous influence of a billion dollar industry, Alabama Department of Education, while also defending parent/guardian rights to raise their children without state government competition; and*

*RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution, once adopted, be sent to the Governor of the State of Alabama, the President pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Status: PASSED*

*RESOLUTION NO 2021-13, RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR CONGRESSMAN MO BROOKS AND MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN DELEGATION*

(Title amended to include the names of all legislators listed in the “resolved” paragraph below)

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee should, and hereby does, express its appreciation and high praise for Congressmen Mo Brooks, Barry Moore, Mike Rogers, Robert Aderholt, Gary Palmer, Jerry Carl and u.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville for their tenacious fight to preserve our Constitutional rights and to preserve fair and honest elections;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, upon adoption, be given to Congressmen Mo Brooks, Barry Moore, Mike Rogers, Robert Aderholt, Gary Palmer, Jerry Carl and U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville. Status: PASSED*

*RESOLUTION NO 2021-14, RESOLUTION URGING ALABAMA'S LEGISLATORS TO REMOVE IMPEDIMENTS TO USE OF HYDROXY CHLOROQUINE*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee hereby petitions the Alabama Legislature to obtain clarification on the use of Hydroxychloroquine, as was done recently by the Texas Medical Board, in order to give the citizens of Alabama the right to decide, together with their physicians, on outpatient treatment of COVID-19 infections with the HCQ cocktail. Status: PASSED*

Note: An executive Committee member identifying himself as a physician spoke against this resolution. The member claimed that there are currently no impediments preventing doctors in Alabama from prescribing hydroxychloroquine for their patients. It was my opinion that this resolution was not necessary, and I voted against it.





**Colbert County High School Band  
Represents Alabama at 80<sup>th</sup>  
Remembrance of Pearl Harbor Attack**



To discuss donations and special doner recognition specifics, contact CCHS band director Logan Pouncey.

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At the February meeting of the Colbert County Republican Executive Committee, our newly elected school superintendent, Mr. Chris Hand, announced that the Colbert County High School band had been selected to perform for remembrance ceremonies at Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 2021 to honor those who were lost during the Japanese attack eighty years ago.

This selection is a great honor to the proud members of the band, their parents and fellow students, members of the community, and the State of Alabama. Additionally, this year's commemoration is very special as so few living Pearl Harbor veterans remain who will be able to attend.

Current office holders, candidates, and members of our Party have an opportunity to join the effort to support these students as they travel thousands of miles to represent us on this special day. Band Director Logan Pouncey has organized a special event to explain this opportunity and the recognition that supporters will receive. I hope anyone interested in supporting this effort will join us on March 30 at 5:30pm in the band room at CCHS to find out more about Pearl Harbor Day 2021 and how you can join us.