A Resolution Honoring Robert J. "Bob" Shaw

WHEREAS, Robert J. "Bob" Shaw has been an active and continuous member of Republican Party in the state of Georgia since 1960, having joined the Fulton County Republican Party in that year before becoming its First Vice Chairman in 1966, followed just two years later by his election as Chairman of the Fulton County Republican Party, the first of six terms he would serve as county chairman; and

WHEREAS Bob Shaw, having been elected as the First Vice Chairman of the Georgia Republican Party did, following the resignation of the chairman under which he was serving, fill out the remainder of that term as chairman, going on to serve for three additional terms as Chairman of the Georgia Republican Party, with his efforts representing a vital role in taking the State of Georgia, during his long tenure of leadership within the party, from a state where the GOP was organized in only 22 of 159 counties to a state where the Republican Party holds every single statewide constitutional office, both U.S. Senate seats, and 10 of Georgia's 14 seats to the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS Bob has, astoundingly, attended EVERY SINGLE county, district, and state convention since 1964, an incredible run of 52-years; and

WHEREAS Bob has dedicated his life not only to his party - having served not only in the aforementioned leadership positions, but also as the Vice Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and offering himself as a candidate for the Georgia State House and the Georgia Senate — but to his country, having served in the Georgia Air National Guard and having been called to active duty, stationed in Japan during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS Bob has advanced the interests of his community and state while serving as the Chairman of the Fulton County Development Authority, the Chairman of the Joint Development Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the delegate body of the 2016 Georgia Republican Party Convention does hereby acknowledge and honor, with deep and sincere gratitude, the more than half century of service rendered to the Republican Party in Georgia, and to the people of the state of Georgia, by Robert J. "Bob" Shaw, and recognize him as the unofficial "godfather" of the Georgia Republican Party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the delegate body does likewise recognize the love, support, and dedication of Bob's beloved bride of 66-years, Elaine Smith Shaw, without whose support Bob's efforts to develop, strengthen, and grow the Georgia Republican Party would not have been possible.

So adopted this 4th day of May, 2016.