



**RESOLUTION 2025-2-1
2025 ALGOP SUMMER MEETING**

COMMEMORATING THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, On July 4, 1776, our Founding Fathers boldly declared America's independence, establishing a sovereign nation grounded in the eternal truth that all are created equal and endowed by their Creator with unalienable rights—chief among them life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, The Alabama Republican Party affirms that the United States stands as the greatest and most enduring experiment in self-governance, liberty, and human potential the world has ever known; and

WHEREAS, Next year's 250th anniversary of American independence marks a historic and solemn milestone, deserving of deep reverence and jubilant celebration, as recognized in Executive Order 14189; and

WHEREAS, In its first 250 years, the United States has achieved monumental progress—from drafting the U.S. Constitution and abolishing slavery, to expanding civil rights and leading humanity into space—demonstrating the unmatched promise of a free society; and

WHEREAS, Our children are the torchbearers of America's future and must be raised with strong values, a love of liberty, a true understanding of our nation's God-given founding principles and heroic history; and

WHEREAS, We must remain ever vigilant in defending our God-given rights, resisting any encroachment on liberty, and standing as a beacon of hope and human dignity throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, We owe an everlasting debt of gratitude to our Veterans, whose selfless service has secured the blessings of freedom for every American and every generation yet to come; and

WHEREAS, The Alabama Republican Party remains unwavering in its pursuit of the foundational principles that made America exceptional and will keep her strong:

- **Limited Government**—Preserving the power of the people and ensuring that government exists to serve, not rule;
- **Individual Liberty and Personal Responsibility**—Defending the Constitution while fostering self-reliance, dignity, and accountability;
- **A Strong National Defense**—Believing that peace is maintained through strength, and that America's leadership in the world demands resolve, courage, and clarity of purpose; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan wisely cautioned, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction... it must be fought for, protected, and handed on,” reminding us of our solemn duty to defend liberty at all costs; and

WHEREAS, President Trump inspired millions with the call to “Make America Great Again,” a movement grounded in national pride, common-sense governance, and unwavering belief in the American people; and

WHEREAS, The Alabama Republican Party remains resolute in its service to Alabamians; upholding constitutional freedoms, fighting for accountable governance, and advancing policies engrained in faith, family, freedom, and the rule of law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama Republican Party, on the sacred occasion of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, proudly reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the principles upon which this great nation was founded—so that liberty and justice may endure for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama Republican Party will lead a year-long commemoration in honor of America’s founding and the enduring strength of our Republic.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we stand united in preserving the truth of American history, honoring the wisdom of our Founders, and ensuring that this nation remains, now and forever, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

This resolution adopted by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee on this the 2nd day of August, 2025, in session at Montgomery, Alabama.



John Wahl, Chairman



Carol Jahns, Secretary

Submitted by: *County Chairman SonDee Epperson (Talladega) and Secretary Carol Jahns (Autauga)*



**RESOLUTION 2025-2-4
2025 ALGOP SUMMER MEETING**

**URGING ALABAMA PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT CRIME VICTIMS
AND ENHANCE VICTIMS' RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, Public safety is the primary responsibility of government; and

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan is widely known for initiating a national conversation about crime victims' rights in 1981 shortly after surviving an assassination attempt, when he declared the first National Crime Victims' Rights Week, stating: "For too long, the victims of crime have been the forgotten persons of our criminal justice system. Rarely do we give victims the help they need or the attention they deserve.... But statistics cannot express the human tragedy of crime felt by those who are its victims. Only victims truly know the trauma crime can produce. They have lived it and will not soon forget it. At times, whole families are entirely disrupted -- physically, financially and emotionally. Lengthy and complex judicial processes add to the victim's burden.... We need a renewed emphasis on, and an enhanced sensitivity to, the rights of victims. These rights should be a central concern of those who participate in the criminal justice system, and it is time all of us paid greater heed to the plight of victims;" and

WHEREAS, 80.43% of Alabama voters in November 1994 ratified a Crime Victims Constitutional Amendment, and in 1995 Alabama lawmakers enacted the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, making 2025 the 30th anniversary of this landmark achievement – when a renewed emphasis on victims' rights would be appropriate – especially as too few victims are aware of their rights or the resources and services available to them; and

WHEREAS, Less than 45% of non-fatal violent crimes are typically reported to police each year, leading to a large number of violent offenders not being apprehended, who may continue to commit additional violent crimes [USDOJ, BJS]; and

WHEREAS, Crime victims are absolutely essential to the integrity of the criminal justice system – particularly to report crimes, assist in the investigation and prosecution, as well as post-conviction proceedings – to hold offenders accountable and therefore enhance public safety; and

WHEREAS, The spike in violent crime in recent years has created numerous distraught victims – lives that have been shattered by acts of violence, such as homicide, attempted murder, sexual assault, child or elder abuse, human trafficking, domestic violence, robberies, burglaries and other serious offenses; and

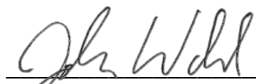
WHEREAS, Violent crime can impact victims in numerous ways and leave deep wounds; however, the availability of effective resources and victim services can enable survivors to recover and regain a quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Crime victims have the right to be treated with fairness and respect, the right to be notified and present at all crucial stages of the criminal justice process, the right to be heard when authorized, as well as other basic rights outlined in the Victims' Bill of Rights, enacted in Alabama in 1995;

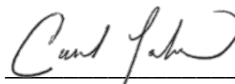
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama Republican State Executive Committee strongly supports this Resolution and calls on Alabama's public officials to consider the rights of crime victims as they discuss and enact criminal justice policy and legislation, and to enhance victim services where possible. And we call on Alabama's Congressional delegation to consider the stabilization of the Crime Victims Fund, which was established by President Ronald Reagan in 1984.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on the Alabama Republican Party to provide copies of this Resolution to Governor Kay Ivey, Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth, Attorney General Steve Marshall, and all Alabama Republican Legislative members on the state and federal level.

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John Wahl, Chairman



Carol Jahns, Secretary

Submitted by: *Darlene Hutchinson Biehl (Elmore)*

Co-Sponsors: *ALGOP Secretary Carol Jahns (Autauga); State Rep. Matt Simpson (Baldwin); County Commissioner Jerry McGilvray (Barbour); State Sen. Andrew Jones (Cherokee); District Attorney CJ Robinson (Chilton); County Chair Ed Foy and Robin Foy (Coffee); State Auditor Andrew Sorrell (Colbert); District Attorney Champ Crocker (Cullman); Joel Barfoot, Former State Rep. Mike Holmes, Kathy Holt, Former District Attorney RH Houston, Karen Stewart and Debbie Williams (Elmore); State Rep. Mack Butler (Etowah); Linda Overton (Houston); Former State Rep. Tommy Hanes (Jackson); Former State Rep. Paul DeMarco and Hon. Teresa Petelos (Jefferson); Grady Thornton (Shelby); Sheriff Jay Jones (Lee); County Chair Connie Grier, Cedric Coley and Patricia M. Wilson (Montgomery); Logan Glass (St. Clair); and County Chair Denise Bates (Tallapoosa).*

Resources:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/speech/proclamation-4831-victims-rights-weeks-1981>

<https://law.justia.com/codes/alabama/title-15/chapter-23/article-3/>

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/library/publications/criminal-victimization-2023>



**RESOLUTION 2025-2-5
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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS, ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS,
MILITARY FAMILIES, AND VETERAN CAREGIVERS**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Party resolutely supports a strong military that is sufficiently funded to provide for our nation’s defense, ensuring the safety and security of the American people, and acknowledges the sacrifices of those who serve in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our obligation to veterans does not end when they leave the military; we remain committed to providing the necessary support, recognition, and services to those who have honorably served our Nation, including those who continue to defend our freedoms today; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of veterans, active-duty service members as well as their families and veteran caregivers, deserve acknowledgment, respect, and continued support from our communities, state, and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately **19 million veterans** in the United States, including **400,000 veterans in Alabama**, all of whom have made significant sacrifices in service to their country and deserve continued support; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Armed Forces comprises more than **1.3 million active-duty service members and 811,000 reserve members, nationwide**, including nearly **14,000 active duty in Alabama**, and approximately **26,000 Alabama Guard and Reserve members**, all of whom are committed to protecting our nation’s interests and promoting global peace and stability; and

WHEREAS, the families of service members—estimated to be over **5.5 million children, spouses, and loved ones**—serve with the same commitment and dedication to our Nation, and deserve our unwavering support in their roles as caregivers and providers of emotional and practical support for our active-duty service members and veterans; and

WHEREAS, in May 2025, Alabama ranked as the 2nd best state in the Nation for military retirees ¹; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is home to several military installations, including **Anniston Army Depot**, the **Coast Guard Aviation Training Center**, **Fort Rucker**, **Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base**, **Redstone Arsenal**, and **Sumpter Smith Joint National Guard Base** which are critical to both the national defense and the livelihoods of thousands of military families, contributing to the economy and well-being of the state; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has several units in both the National Guard and the U. S. Reserve components, including the U. S. Air National Guard, U. S. Army National Guard, and U. S. Air Force, U. S. Army, U. S. Coast Guard, U. S. Marine Corps, and U. S. Navy Reserve units; and

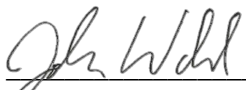
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Alabama Republican Party, hereby reaffirms our steadfast support for the service and sacrifice of our veterans, active-duty service members, their families, and veteran caregivers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Alabama Republican Party expresses its deepest gratitude to those who have worn the uniform of our Nation and pledges to:

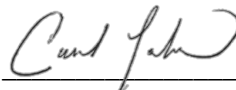
- **Promote efforts to ensure robust funding** for a strong, fully capable military that is prepared to defend our Nation and allies, while providing our active-duty service members with the tools and resources they need to succeed.
- **Champion legislation and policies** which guarantee veterans' access to high-quality medical care, mental health services, long-term care, and earned benefits—while creating meaningful opportunities for their successful reintegration into civilian life and our communities.
- **Recognize the vital role of military families and veteran caregivers**—providing the support, resources, and gratitude they need to care for their loved ones with strength and dignity; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be proudly transmitted to the President of the United States, members of Congress, the Alabama State Legislature, military leaders, and veterans' and community organizations as an unwavering declaration of the Alabama Republican Party's enduring support for a strong, fully funded military and its unending commitment to our veterans, active-duty service members, military families, and veteran caregivers who defend and sustain our Nation. We call upon all levels of government to stand united with the Alabama Republican Party in honoring the heroes of our Armed Forces by safeguarding their well-being, ensuring resources rightfully earned, and preserving their legacy for generations to come.

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John Wahl, Chairman



Carol Jahns, Secretary

Submitted by: *Chairman SonDee Epperson (Talladega); ALGOP Secretary Carol Jahns (Autauga); ALGOP Chairman John Wahl (Limestone); and Ashley Tortorigi-Hilburn (St. Clair).*

Co-Sponsors: *ALGOP Resolutions and County Chairman Waylon Huguley (Colbert); Alabama Minority GOP Chairman George Williams (Baldwin); Chairman Stacey Otero (Barbour); Chairman Leonard Ingram (Dallas); Chairman Jason Davidson (Jackson); Chairman Steve Schmidt (Madison); Chairman David Hall (Marion); Chairman Rebekah Cornelison (Monroe); Chairman Connie Grier (Montgomery); Chairman Brett Harrison (Perry); Chairman Peggy Blackshear (Russell); Chairman Denise Bates (Tallapoosa); Suzelle Josey (Autauga); Mike Sumrall (Baldwin); Jamie Wilkins (Clarke); Chairman Brenda Lindell (Cleburne); Sue Neuwien (Coffee); Phill Green (Colbert); Cathi Bradford (Cullman); Belinda Thomas (Dale); Suzy Ingram (Dallas); Johnny Retherford (Dallas); Joel Barfoot (Elmore); Jim Gay (Escambia); Linda Overton (Houston); Willie Casey (Jefferson); Donna Johnson (Jefferson); Angela Shepard (Lee); Mike Dean (Mobile); Marie Marshall (Monroe); James Henderson (Morgan); John Gillum (Pickens); Linda Gillum (Pickens); Diane Caldwell (Shelby); Jeana Boggs (Tallapoosa); and Jackie Ray (Tuscaloosa).*

¹Santiago, M. (Updated May 7, 2025). The 10 Best States for Military Retirees for 2023. RetireGuide.com. Retrieved July 14, 2025, from <https://www.retireguide.com/guides/best-states-for-military-retirees/>.



**RESOLUTION 2025-2-6
ALGOP SUMMER MEETING**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ALABAMA REPUBLICAN STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
URGING ALL REPUBLICAN ELECTED OFFICIALS IN ALABAMA
TO NOMINATE PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE**

WHEREAS, the Nobel Peace Prize exists to recognize individuals who have made extraordinary efforts to prevent war, resolve conflict, and promote peace among nations; and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump, through resolute leadership and strategic diplomacy, has successfully intervened to stop two major conflicts before they erupted into full-scale war; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2025, President Trump helped deescalate tensions between nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan by swiftly brokering a ceasefire over the disputed Kashmir region—avoiding the first war between the two countries in over two decades; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, President Trump led a high-stakes diplomatic effort to prevent a regional war between Iran and Israel following a military confrontation triggered by the destruction of Iranian nuclear radar and weapons infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, instead of allowing the conflict to spiral, President Trump enforced a phased ceasefire under U.S. oversight, applying maximum pressure and warning both sides of consequences for violations, thereby creating the conditions for a fragile but historic truce; and

WHEREAS, President Trump’s decisive actions brought both sides to a conditional stand-down and marked the first time in recent memory that Iran’s leadership expressed public willingness to negotiate—a breakthrough attributed to strength, not appeasement; and

WHEREAS, the government of Pakistan has already formally nominated President Trump for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize, citing his “remarkable strategic insight and exemplary statesmanship” in preventing “disastrous repercussions for millions”; and

WHEREAS, President Trump’s leadership in these matters exemplifies the principles of “peace through strength,” achieving meaningful, peaceful outcomes without deploying U.S. troops or relying on endless diplomatic summits; and

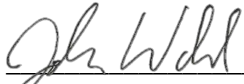
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican State Executive Committee does hereby urge all Republican elected officials in the State of Alabama—including members of the Alabama Legislature, statewide constitutional officers, and members of Alabama’s congressional delegation—to

submit formal letters of nomination to the Norwegian Nobel Committee in support of President Donald J. Trump's candidacy for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize; and

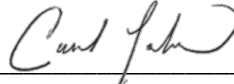
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Party affirms its belief that President Donald J. Trump has not only earned this honor through his diplomatic achievements but has also set a modern standard for effective peacekeeping on the world stage; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the office of every Republican elected official in the State of Alabama, to President Trump's political headquarters, and to the members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

This resolution adopted by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee on this the 2nd day of August, 2025, in session at Montgomery, Alabama.



John Wahl, Chairman



Carol Johns, Secretary

Submitted by: *Hon. Perry Hooper (Montgomery)*