

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR THE FIRST BLACK CONGRESSMEN

WHEREAS, The United States of America was established as a constitutional republic to reflect its citizenry;

WHEREAS, The Republican Party, was founded in 1854 in opposition to this cruel institution as the anti-slavery party;

WHEREAS, The First African American members of the United States Congress — Representative Richard Allen of Texas, Representative Richard H. Cain of South Carolina, Representative Robert B. Elliott of South Carolina, Senator Hiram R. Revels of Mississippi, Representative Robert Smalls of South Carolina, Representative Benjamin S. Turner of Alabama and Representative Josiah T. Walls of Florida — supported the aims of and were members of the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service has established a Black Heritage stamp series to recognize those person whose record of service has strengthened this nation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee, through this resolution to its leadership, the executive branch of government, the legislative branch of government and United States Postal Service recommends that these distinguished African American members of Congress be recognized with a stamp during African American History Month in February 2017 or as next soon practicable;

RESOLVED, That the portrait of these gentlemen, retrievable from the Library of Congress, serve as the model for said stamp; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the incumbent members of Congress from the states electing these men, as well as the Republican Party leadership, be invited to participate in this unveiling with the Republican Party housing such in its headquarters.

The foregoing resolution, sponsored by National Committeewoman Ada Fisher of North Carolina and co-sponsored by National Committeeman Jevon Williams of the Virgin Islands, was adopted unanimously by the Republican National Committee sitting in general session at its winter meeting of January 19, 2017, in the City of Washington in the District of Columbia.