

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RIGOROUS EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS FOR
SCIENCE IN TEXAS**

WHEREAS, The State Board of Education is charged with oversight of the public education system of Texas in accordance with the Texas Education Code;

WHEREAS, For twenty years, the State Board of Education has promulgated a science standard mandating the teaching of the “strengths and weaknesses” of all scientific theories and hypotheses in the curriculum;

WHEREAS, the long-standing “strengths and weaknesses” standard has recently come under attack by Darwinists as unscientific;

WHEREAS, Even Charles Darwin endorsed a “strengths and weaknesses” standard for evaluating theories, stating, “A fair result can be obtained only by fully stating and balancing the facts on both sides of each question....” Darwin, C., Origin of the Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life; therefore

RESOLVED, The Republican Party of Texas, consistent with the 2008 State Republican Platform, opposes abandonment of the longstanding “strengths and weaknesses” science standard and calls upon the Republican members of the State Board of Education to support the retention of the “strengths and weaknesses” standard in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each Republican member of the State Board of Education.

Adopted by the Republican Party of Texas this 7th day of March, 2009.

Presented by Brian Russell, SD14