

*Resolution 319 (a)*

Submitted and adopted by County Convention, Rusk, County, Texas, Congressional District 1, on March 29, 2008

Whereas, there continues to be lives lost because of drunk drivers on the highways of Texas, and

Whereas, the loss of life from many other causes results in significant first offense punishment while deaths and injuries caused by drunk drivers are handled as though they were minor offenses, and

Whereas, it appears that those who can make our highways safer are not willing to do it for reasons not clearly understood, and

Whereas, past efforts to punish first and repeat offenders have proven inadequate to keep drunk drivers off the highways with resulting life long suffering by families of victims, and

Whereas, present laws do not adequately protect the public, therefore be it

Resolved that the Republican Party of Texas officially oppose the unnecessary loss of life caused by drunk drivers, and be it further

Resolved that the Republican Party of Texas enter into the state party platform its encouragement of the Texas Legislature to pass legislation providing for understandable and severe punishment for first time and repeat offenders with appropriate judicial procedures that will end this travesty of justice.

Resolved that the Republican Party of Texas encourage the legislature by whatever means required, to make `sobriety check points` lawful and accepted law enforcement practice.

