

Resolution 418(a)

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

Whereas, the massive proposed I-59 transportation corridor requires the government taking of extensive residential, farm and ranch property much of which has been in families for generations, and

Whereas, Texans hold in high regard their right to own property and do not expect it to be taken from them unnecessarily, and

Whereas, the right of eminent domain has been abused recently by other levels of government and creates added concern and skepticism for the people directly affected by this corridor as well as for other Texans, and

Whereas, the current credibility of the Texas Department of Transportation makes the proposed corridor questionable as to being the least disruptive solution for future transportation requirements, and

Whereas, highway construction and financing has long been an accepted function of state and federal government and

Whereas the corridor highway would be operated by foreign investors.

Whereas the use of toll roads is becoming a much too frequently used method of road construction with no mention of becoming free use roads upon construction cost recovery, and

Whereas, there are credible alternatives, such as rail, that would create significantly less disruption, therefore be it

Resolved that the delegates of the Rusk County Republican Party Convention refine and/or expand this resolution to strongly oppose further consideration by TXDOT to develop this extensive corridor concept and to develop other means to meet transportation needs with the least possible acquisition of personal property, and be it further

Resolved, that the Republican Party of Texas enter into the state party platform its opposition to the planned *I-59* transportation corridor.