

ORLANDO TEA PARTY DECLARATION MARCH 21, 2009

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for like minded patriotic Americans to rally as one against the powers that threaten to alter, diminish and destroy this country we love, proper respect for the opinions of our fellow citizens requires that we should clearly state the grievances that impel us to gather at this great Orlando Tea Party to protest peacefully, but passionately in the tradition of our forefathers whose Boston Tea Party resonated around the world.

The history of the present government of these United States is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having the effect of establishing an unacceptable tyranny over the citizens of these states. Let the facts be selfevident and speak for themselves, and let these grievances be heard in the halls of power in 2009, just as they were heard in the palace of King George III when they thundered forth from the text of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

BE it resolved on this 21st Day of March in the year 2009 at the great Orlando Tea Party on the shore of Lake Eola in Orlando, FL, that just as our forefathers at the Boston Tea Party protested tyranny at the hands of the British Crown, and taxation without representation, we hereby raise our voices against the arrogance and the ruinous policies of our own government . . . a government that ignores the will of "We the People" . . . a government that drowns us in debt . . . a government that forsakes the free enterprise system that had driven the engine of the greatest economy on earth, in favor of a relentless march toward socialism designed to subvert the work of the individual and encourage intrusion of government into all aspects of our lives.

And so, let the word go forth from this time and place that we are proud, freedom loving Americans who cherish individual liberty, our Constitution, and all this Nation has stood for over 233 years. We love our country and we are here to take it back!

Let us hereby resolve that we have had enough of massive government driven bailouts using our money! To our elected leaders we say, stop spending money we do not have! This is not your money! This is our money, and we demand you stop this madness! We have had enough of so-called economic stimulus plans that falsely promise we can spend ourselves back to prosperity.

We have had enough of trillion dollar spending schemes being passed without congress or "WE The People" Knowing what's in them. This is taxation without deliberation and we will not tolerate it! We have had enough of the out of control government spending that is mortgaging our future and threatening our very way of life!

We have had enough of both major parties being arrogant and unresponsive to the people they were elected to serve. We have had enough of seeing money taken unfairly from honest, hardworking Americans through excessive taxation and redistributed to people who have not earned the money. We have had enough of capitalism being targeted as the problem instead of the solution.

And, we have had enough of government being called the solution, when government is the problem! In every stage of these oppressions, we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated petitions to our elected officials have been answered only

by repeated injury, if in fact they have been answered at all. A government so arrogant and unresponsive to its people is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. We therefore, the people of the United States of America, in general congress assembled here, on the shore of Lake Eola in Orlando, Florida, on this 21st day of March, in the year 2009, do, in the name, and by the authority of the good people of this city and this Nation, solemnly publish and declare that we are a free people, in this free and independent state, and we have the power and the right to demand that our government cease serving its own interest, and whatever destructive political and ideological agendas it is pursuing, and become the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, to which we are entitled as Americans. And this for the support of this declaration, what a firm reliance on divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Madam Speaker: Today, July 14th, I presented this declaration on the steps of the U.S. House and unfurled a scroll containing thousands of citizens' signatures in support of this declaration.

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#### INTRODUCING THE COMPLETE AND PERMANENT PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION ACT OF 2009

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Complete and Permanent Property Tax Deduction Act of 2009. This bill makes the property tax deduction, which is scheduled to expire this year, permanent and removes all limitations on the deduction.

The Complete and Permanent Property Tax Deduction Act will help millions of Americans who struggle with high property taxes. Making the property tax deduction permanent will especially benefit senior citizens, whose homes often are the major part of their wealth, and young families struggling to cope with the costs of owning new homes. I respectfully urge my colleagues to help ensure all homeowners can continue to take advantage of the property tax deduction by cosponsoring this legislation.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 492, 494, 495, 499, 500, 501, 502, 508, 514, 515, 517, 518, 520, 521, 524, 525, & 529, I was absent from the House due to illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA-**

OF CALIFORNIA-

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 10, 2009*

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3082, the "Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010." This bill will fund our nation's military construction projects and veterans' benefits for Fiscal Year 2010.

While I supported this bill, and what it provides for our military and veterans, it is unfortunate the Democratic leadership in Congress refused to allow debate on many amendments including an amendment proposed by Rep. CONNIE MACK that would have reduced the labor costs of each construction project funded by this legislation.

Currently, federal construction projects which cost more than \$2,000 must follow Davis-Bacon wage requirements. The Davis-Bacon Act requires employers to pay workers at least the "locally prevailing wage," as determined by the Department of Labor. Of the reports investigated by the Office of Inspector General, 100% of the wage surveys, used to set the "prevailing wage," contained one or more errors.

According to the Beacon Hill Institute at Suffolk University, Davis-Bacon wage requirements over-estimate wages, inflating construction costs by almost 10%. This amounts to \$8.6 billion taxpayer waste per year. For our military and veterans, this is billions that could have been used to update the Vietnam-era quanzi-huts still in use at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base or to fix the Post 9/11 GI bill error that will unfairly reduce California veterans' education benefits.

In this time of fiscal uncertainty, Congress must set priorities and spend wisely. Shutting out debate on an archaic measure that unnecessarily increases cost moves our nation in the wrong direction.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, FY2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Water and Related Resources  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Columbia Basin Development League

Address of Requesting Entity: 8582 Road K, SW; Royal City, WA 99357

Description of Request: Provide an addition of \$3,000,000 for expansion of Project infrastructure to allow delivery of Project water to eligible lands. The Project aims to avoid ecological disaster by preserving the remaining