

(Resolution presented in 2010 to Democratic caucuses and conventions.)

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A NEW, FULLY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

WHEREAS, citizen trust in and control over our government are necessary for a healthy and vibrant democratic republic, and currently this trust and control are at an all-time low; and

WHEREAS, the attacks of September 11, 2001 (9/11), have been consistently used by the U.S. government as the basis for preemptive illegal wars and empire building, commonly known as the "Bush Doctrine," but continuing to this day; and

WHEREAS, the so-called "war on terrorism" has become an excuse for the unprecedented destruction of civil liberties, the erosion of constitutional rights, torture, domestic surveillance of U.S. citizens, illegal detention of immigrants and U.S. citizens, unveiled threats from the government against citizens who disagree with governmental accounts, an "assassination list" of Americans abroad; and

WHEREAS, the most disturbing facts and questions related to the attacks on 9/11 were not investigated by the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission), including but not limited to not mentioning the complete collapse at free-fall acceleration of a third building, World Trade Center 7, which was not struck by a plane; and

WHEREAS, many of these critical facts and questions were presented to the 9/11 Commission by the Family Steering Committee for the 9/11 Independent Commission (family members of the 9/11 victims), and yet were ignored or distorted by what was, by their own admission, a compromised Commission; and

WHEREAS, abundant research by physicists, engineers, chemists, architects, and other scholars has been presented to the American public and the world in the ensuing eight years which strongly implies that the officially sanctioned account of 9/11 cannot be true; and

WHEREAS, one example of this research is the discovery throughout the World Trade Center dust of abundant quantities of nano-thermite, a high-tech explosive created only in military laboratories, for which a peer-reviewed paper has been published; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has refused to test for explosives or pyrotechnic materials which is specified by

the national standard for fire investigation (NFPA 921); and

WHEREAS, these thousands of scientists, architects, engineers, and scholars--as well as pilots and aviation professionals, community leaders, family members of the victims, and senior military, intelligence service, law enforcement, and government officials--have all called for a new 9/11 investigation; and

WHEREAS, numerous scientific national polls reveal that a large percentage of Americans do not believe the official account--specifically, a Scripps-Howard poll in July, 2006, determined that 36% of respondents say that it was "somewhat likely" (20%) or "very likely" (16%) that *"federal officials either participated in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon or took no action to stop them,"* so that the United States could go to war in the Middle East, and a Scripps Howard poll, in November 2007, determined that 62% of respondents believe it 'very likely' (32%) or 'somewhat likely' (30%) *"that some people in the federal government had specific warnings of the 9/11 attacks in New York and Washington, but chose to ignore those warnings;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **this caucus calls for the immediate establishment of a truly independent Citizens Commission to fully investigate the events surrounding September 11, 2001;** and that this Citizens Commission shall be truly independent--consisting of scientists, engineers, architects, and family members from the Family Steering Committee--shall be fully funded, shall have full immunities and prosecutorial discretion granted to elected prosecutors, so that we may restore trust in and control over our government, and so that we will have a greater probability of preventing attacks of this nature in the future, along with their dire consequences.