

RESOLUTION # 2019 – 02

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IN SUPPORT OF SB 211 AND HB 431

**WHEREAS**, the care and custody of minor children properly rests with the children's parents;  
and

**WHEREAS**, studies have shown that ,in many cases, children who have grown up without the active involvement of both parents are in greater danger of ending up in poverty, dropping out of school, becoming addicted to drugs, having a child out of marriage, or going to prison; and

**WHEREAS**, ideally both parents should be involved with the lives of their children and should share the right and responsibility of providing for their children, making decisions about their children, and spending time with their children; and

**WHEREAS**, divorce often leads to one parent neglecting or not being allowed to participate in the lives of his or her children; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Republican State Senators and Representatives have authored and sponsored the *Children's Equal Access Act* (SB 211 and HB 431) in the 2018 Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Children's Equal Access Act* encourages judges to keep both parents involved in the care and custody of their children during and after divorce by creating a rebuttable presumption that joint custody is in the best interests of the child, and by creating a rebuttable presumption that custody plans approved by both parents are in the best interests of the child or children; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee, meeting February 23,2019, that it supports the *Children's Equal Access Act* and urges all legislators to work and vote for its passage;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee urges Governor Ivey to sign this said bill into law upon passage.

Submitted by John Killian, Fayette County

Adopted this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019 by the Executive Committee of the Alabama Republican Party in session at Mobile, Alabama.

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Elaine Ridenour, Secretary

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Terry Lathan, Chairman