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The Supreme Court Is Not the Supreme Being

By Cathie Adams, TEF President

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Knowing that the U.S. Supreme Court would likely rule in favor of same-sex marriage, the Texas Legislature had a grand opportunity earlier this year to affirm our 2005 Defense of Marriage Act vote, but they failed. They failed to pass legislation to protect the longstanding definition of marriage in keeping with 76 percent of

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Texans who voted that marriage is **only** between a man and a woman.

Texas Eagle Forum, with the wise counsel of attorney Andy Schlafly, supported HB 4105, the Preservation and Sovereignty of Marriage Act, that would have denied taxpayer funding for licensure or support of same-sex “marriages.”

In my twenty-plus years working with Texas state legislators, I’ve never seen a bill more tortured.

With two joint authors and 86 co-authors, our bill should have been a shoo-in, but a Texas Association of Business press conference in April turned the tide against us. Surrounded by homosexual advocates and activists, TAB strongly discouraged

a bill to promote religious liberty. Bill Hammond, chief executive of the TAB, said, “The differences between what’s proposed here and in Indiana matters not. It will be characterized by many as the same thing. And so the effect could be just as disastrous.”

We also lacked support from Governor Greg Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, and House Speaker Joe Straus. If the Republican leadership had stood against the impending overreach by the SCOTUS, then we’d have a good chance of calling the decision **WRONG**—just like Dred-Scott was wrong, and Roe vs. Wade was wrong.

HB 4105 received a Public Hearing on April 8, a Formal Meeting on April 22, and another Public Hearing on May 6. Finally, it was placed on the House Calendar on May 12, about two weeks before the session ended.

That LATE DATE ensured the bill’s demise. House leadership knew that the Democrats would chub (filibuster) the calendar to delay a vote on this important bill, and that rules deadlines would eliminate a flurry of bills. House leaders created a perfect storm to kill the bill. It never even made it to the House floor for a vote.

Legislators ignored the fact that children raised by same-sex couples are at a sharp disadvantage. Some of those children even filed briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court begging the Court to not grant same-sex marriages. Why? Because children need and want both male and female role models—a mommy and a daddy.

Reports claiming soundness of same-sex parenting are **BOGUS!** An extensive 2012 Family Research Council study shows that children of homosexual parents:

- Are much more likely to receive welfare;
- Have lower education attainment;
- Report less safety and security in their family of origin;
- Are more likely to suffer from depression;
- Have been arrested more often;
- If they are female, have had more sexual partners—both male and female.

It is **wrong** to deprive innocent children of a mommy and a daddy.

The homosexual agenda has taken a giant leap forward with the U.S. Supreme Court’s **WRONG** decision and **must be challenged. The Supreme Court is NOT the Supreme Being!**

WHAT YOU CAN DO: TEF is currently criss-crossing our state with a coalition of like-minded friends to motivate the grassroots to call our governor and ask him to call a special session to proclaim Texas’ 10th Amendment protections against the federal government’s overreach. Contact Governor Abbott at 512-463-2100.



Eagle Council XLIV Impressions

By Skeet Workman,
longtime TEF member from Lubbock

We heard from six presidential candidates at Eagle Council, September 11–13, in St. Louis. I liked Dr. Ben Carson’s speech but hesitate about appointments he would make as President.

Rick Perry, introduced by Texas’ Trayce Bradford, gave the best speech I have ever heard him give, but then stepped down from the race. Mike Huckabee gave a moving sermon, but that night at dinner we sat with six leaders from Arkansas who said he was not truthful with Arkansas voters when he campaigned for governor. He promised not to raise taxes but raised fees instead. He also wanted to give illegals a free college education. Rick Santorum is a good man, but seemed unhappy that he is not getting more support the second time around. Cathie Adams introduced Sen. Ted Cruz, who gave an excellent and inspiring speech. Eagle Forum state leaders mobbed him afterwards. Rather than a campaign speech, Sen. Rand Paul spoke lovingly of his mother, Carol, after she received the EF Homemaker of the Year award.

Chief Justice Roy Moore of Alabama spoke on “Religious Liberty Is At Stake.” He shared the remarks of the four U.S. Supreme Court Justices who did not support homosexual marriage. He also stated that the Constitution is the Supreme Law of the Land, not the courts. In his opinion, the recent ruling redefining marriage is unconstitutional.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton received the Texas 2015 Eagle Award for his dedicated work for God, family, and country.





Eagle Cliff Notes

Texans Back the Blue

Tangent Signs in Walker County makes stickers, banners, decals and signs, some of which are put on vehicles. Recently, Manager April Killingsworth decided to have a thin blue sticker made that she could put on her vehicle to show support for the police. She made the decision shortly after the murder of Harris County Deputy Darren Goforth. Killingsworth posted what she had done on Facebook and announced that stickers would be available for anyone who wanted one. When asked by an employee how many to make, she said five, thinking there are not many people who want to show their support for police. Within 48 hours, cars were lined up in front of Tangent Signs and down the highway. People came from all over East Texas to get a banner in order to show their support of the police—and it wasn't only East Texans. Emails began arriving from all over the country, including some from NYPD police officers. Killingsworth has since lost track of how many blue stripe stickers were made.

SOURCE: CanadaFreePress.com, 9/23/15

Abortion “A Great Experience?”

Pro-abortion activists have started a social media campaign called “#ShoutYourAbortion,” because they are upset about the idea that abortion is a sad or negative event. One of the women behind the new campaign said, “I had an abortion at Planned Parenthood last year and it was a great experience. Not only am I not ashamed, but I know I'm incredibly lucky to have access to this choice and we need to keep it that way.” The normal human emotional response is to regret the taking of an innocent human life. But the culture today, ripped from its Judeo-Christian moorings and encouraged by left-wing politicians, has devolved so that some women, rather than finding meaning in creating life, are celebrating the taking of innocent lives. That radical distortion of the human psyche is hard to comprehend.

SOURCE: Gary Bauer, American Values, 9/23/15

PC Is a Problem

A recent Rasmussen poll found 71 percent of Americans think political correctness is a problem in America today. And 73 percent think Americans have to be careful not to say something politically incorrect to avoid getting in trouble. In questions posed by Rasmussen about press coverage of politicians, 75 percent of voters believe, when it comes to covering prospective presidential candidates, the media is more interested in creating controversies about them than it is in reporting where they stand on the issues. Seventy-six percent of Republicans—and 71 percent of all voters—think most reporters, when covering a political campaign, try to help the candidate they want to win.

SOURCE: Newsmax.com, 9/23/15

White House Ignores New Iranian “Kamikaze” Drone Technology

An Israeli report confirms that the Iranians are building a fleet of “suicide kamikaze drones,” which they are likely to provide to terrorists in keeping with Iran's reputation as being the world's leading facilitator of terrorism. What concerns Israel—and is being kept quiet by U.S. officials and news media—is the prospect of Iranian intelligence and military officers providing schematics and other documents for the assembling of these high-tech weapons to its terrorist allies. “While the drones are not a threat to the United States, unless the Hezbollah members in Latin America are given units, the Israelis are worried about both Hamas and Hezbollah being capable of surreptitiously entering Israel's airspace to conduct attacks on civilians,” said former counterterrorism unit commander, Lt. James M. Kantros. SOURCE: Jim Kouri, “White House ignores new Iranian drone technology that endangers U.S., Israel,” CanadaFreePress.com, 9/25/15

Quote of the Month

“Our Declaration of Independence says God gave each person natural rights to life, liberty and property—the pursuit of happiness. Government doesn't give the individual natural rights, God does. The purpose of our American government is to secure those God-given rights against government intrusion.”

Former Representative
Michelle Bachmann, 9/24/15

Famous American Quote

“I studied the Qur'an a great deal. I came away from that study with the conviction that by and large there have been few religions in the world as deadly to men as that of Muhammad.”

Alex deTocqueville, 1843

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