

Senate Resolution 919

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Carter of the 13th, Chance of the 16th, Thomas of the 54th and Hamrick of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing dismay at the actions of certain political commentators who engage in attacks on
2 certain candidates; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this presidential election year has resulted in many candidates vying for the
4 nomination of their parties' respective nominations, and hard campaigning by all of the
5 candidates has often been heated and passionate; and

6 WHEREAS, the give and take of politics is good for the American system of government in
7 that it defines what candidates believe and their positions on the issues of the day and
8 ultimately allows the American people the opportunity to make a reasoned choice in the
9 person that they choose to lead this great nation; and

10 WHEREAS, America is not well served when the heat of campaign rhetoric spills over into
11 creating disunity and dissension; and

12 WHEREAS, national political pundits and commentators along with talk show hosts in
13 national and local markets have viciously attacked Republican candidates running in the
14 various caucuses and primaries in recent months and, in so doing, have sown seeds of
15 discord, contempt, disunity, dissension, and hatred among the members and supporters of the
16 Republican Party to bolster their own careers; and

17 WHEREAS, this rhetoric is counterproductive and has served no purpose other than to cause
18 many to lose the confidence and support of millions of their fans and Republican voters; and

19 WHEREAS, it is possible to agree to disagree and to express support for one candidate over
20 another without engendering animosity as these political pundits and commentators have
21 done; and

1 WHEREAS, locally based talk show host Neal Boortz is an example of one who can make
2 his preference among candidates known and taking strong positions without taking on the
3 mission of tearing down the other conservative candidates.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
5 express extreme dismay at the actions of political commentators who engage in vicious
6 attacks on Republican candidates in the various primaries and caucuses and, in particular, on
7 Senator John McCain and call upon them to cease such attacks and promote unity among the
8 members of the Republican Party.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Republican National Committee.