

## **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM**

1   Whereas, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating the Internal  
2   Revenue Service's use of inappropriate criteria, and politicization of the process to approve  
3   organizations for tax exempt status, and has authority to investigate such matters under House  
4   Rules X and XI.

5   Whereas, on May 22, 2013, Lois Lerner appeared at a hearing before the Committee on  
6   Oversight and Government Reform pursuant to a lawfully issued subpoena.

7   Whereas, Lois Lerner chose to make a voluntary opening statement discussing her position at the  
8   IRS and professing her innocence.

9   Whereas, her self-selected, and entirely voluntary, opening statement constituted a waiver of the  
10   Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination because a witness may not testify  
11   voluntarily about a subject and then invoke the privilege against self-incrimination when  
12   questioned about the details.

13   Resolved, That the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform determines that Lois  
14   Lerner waived her Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination as to all questions  
15   within the subject matter of the Committee hearing that began on May 22, 2013.

