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To authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of
Common Cause, et al. v. Joseph R. Biden, et al.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2012

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McCONNELL) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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in the case of *Common Cause, et al. v. Joseph R. Biden,*
et al.

Whereas, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., the Vice President of the
United States; Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate;
Terrance W. Gainer, Senate Sergeant at Arms; and Eliz-
abeth MacDonough, Senate Parliamentarian, have been
named as defendants in the case of *Common Cause, et al.*
v. Joseph R. Biden, et al., No. 1:12cv00775, now pending
in the United States District Court for the District of
Columbia;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the
Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a)
and 288c(a)(1), the Senate may direct its counsel to de-
fend officers and employees of the Senate in civil actions

relating to their official responsibilities: Now, therefore,
be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate Legal Counsel is author-
2 ized to represent Joseph R. Biden, Jr., the Vice President
3 of the United States; Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the
4 Senate; Terrance W. Gainer, Senate Sergeant at Arms;
5 and Elizabeth MacDonough, Senate Parliamentarian, in
6 the case of *Common Cause, et al. v. Joseph R. Biden, et*
7 *al.*

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