

Wayne's Speech to the Texas Redistricting Joint Hearing Committee

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Good morning distinguished representatives;

Monday I had the opportunity to attend the redistricting meeting held in the City of Dallas. My motivation to attend was to ensure I had a good understanding of what the redistricting process involved and how we as citizens could have a positive impact on the outcome.

I entered the meeting optimistic and ready to benefit from what I would learn.

What I soon came to realize during the testimonies was most frustrating and disappointing as well. I was expecting to witness a process whereby all Texans regardless of their heritage would be guaranteed a voice in our legislative process. That each of us as American citizens, recognize the importance of equal and fair representation.

Unfortunately what I witnessed was the obvious manifestation of a social policy which, has effectively Balkanized our country. We as a society no longer look at ourselves as American citizens, but as individual minorities defined by race and former nationality. Decades of hyphenating our heritage, African – American, Mexican-American, Asian –American has established a divisive environment whereby we no longer look out for the good of our nation as a whole, but only for what is good for our particular group.

For those of you who may not be familiar with the term balkanization, I define it as follows: The purposeful and strategic effort to divide a nation by separating its people into ethnic and race based clusters. The ultimate objective and eventual result is a nation divided and devoid of its own heritage. The conclusion of such a diabolical socialization strategy is the inevitable loss of national patriotism and in time it's national sovereignty.

The root cause of this condition can be argued at a later date. It is however undeniable that we as a nation have indeed allowed, if not nurtured, this social destroying condition allowing it to infest the very temperament of our society; a condition which by its very nature has metamorphosed from its original benign intent and subsequently infiltrated and cracked the very fabric of our society.

I witnessed it Monday as individuals and special interest groups demanded the redistricting committee draw conflicting lines, not to ensure a fair and balanced representation by geographic delineation. But to draw district lines strictly by race or ethnic heritage. It is as though the good of the state be dammed. It's all about what can be done for my particular ethnic group.

If you acquiesce to the demands of certain groups and do not establish our districts with the good of the whole in mind, you too are guilty of dismantling our very country. District by district you will be complacent in legislating the balkanization of the great state of Texas.

With this current and pervasive mind set, I question, what will happen should the future population projections be accurate and a particular minority suddenly finds itself in the majority. Will they continue to be singularly focused upon their ethnic desires and wishes only? Under this current political environment what else are we to expect?

The balkanization of America has already begun to take hold here, and I fear the pendulum is racing at full velocity and the inevitable is a bygone conclusion.

That is unless and perhaps;

Perhaps right now right here in the state of Texas we begin the process of correcting this destructive and liberty eroding injustice.

That you, our elected representatives put a stop to legislating by ethnic cause. I ask you to nullify the demands of these groups and perform your legislative duties as our forefathers envisioned. Before the race bating and divisive politics infiltrated our government. That race and former ethnic heritage not be a consideration. To conduct these hearings with a blind eye to the color of one's skin and special interest desires. To legislate with the admirable goal; to ensure all the citizens are represented fairly and justly. That we conduct our state government affairs in a manner our founding fathers and the immortal Martin Luther King would have espoused; that all men are created equal and no man or group shall rise above the other in the affairs of government.

You may consider my dream to be unrealistic, however all great movements in history began with a dream.

Is it foolhardy for me to dream of a day when we in America once again see each other as equals as we did at the founding of our nation? Perhaps, but it was once said by a greater man than me, I have a dream.

God bless America and may God bless Texas