



## **Proposed Resolutions for the Resolutions Committee on January 30, 2025**

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The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Accomplishments of President Biden and Vice President Harris*

**WHEREAS**, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris achieved historic legislative accomplishments on behalf of the American people; and

**WHEREAS**, they created more than 16 million new jobs, improved our nation's infrastructure, and spearheaded clean energy advancements that will carry us into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Vice President Harris cast the tie-breaking vote to pass the Inflation Reduction Act, which lowered the cost of prescription drugs, reduced energy costs, and marked the most significant action Congress has taken on clean energy and climate change in the nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, our country's most significant infrastructure investment in decades, which contributed funding to rebuild roads and bridges, expand high-speed internet access, and combat the climate crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, he signed the CHIPS and Science Act into law, which revitalized domestic manufacturing, created good-paying American jobs, and strengthened American supply chains, helping accelerate the industries of the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden-Harris administration championed our nation's veterans by signing the PACT Act into law and ensuring those exposed to toxic burn pits get the health care benefits they deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden and Vice President Harris enacted the first meaningful action on gun violence in 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, as the most pro-union president in our nation's history, President Biden protected millions of union workers' pensions, strengthened workers' right to organize, and proudly stood on the picket line with the United Auto Workers — the first sitting president to ever do so; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats will stand strong to defend and protect the progress made under the Biden-Harris administration and combat Donald Trump's extreme Project 2025 agenda that threatens to roll back these accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden and Vice President Harris led our country with hope, dignity, and kindness, strengthening our democracy and representing the American people proudly on the world stage; and

**WHEREAS**, during their four years in the White House, President Biden and Vice President Harris made historic progress and delivered results for American families, from historic job growth to lowered costs on gas, prescription drugs, and more;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Democrats nationwide are prepared to counter Republican attacks on the American people and prevent Donald Trump from winding back these historic achievements, raising costs on families, and padding the pockets of the ultra-wealthy at the expense of working people; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee express our gratitude for President Biden and Vice President Harris' achievements and dedication to the American people throughout their term in office.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

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*Resolution Honoring Vice President Harris' Historic Presidential Campaign*

**WHEREAS**, Vice President Kamala Harris ran a historic campaign built on hope and joy that sparked optimism and shared our Democratic vision with millions of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, during an unprecedented election year, she met the moment as our nominee with grace, dignity, and the confidence to lead; and

**WHEREAS**, Vice President Harris met with voters nationwide and made history by raising more than \$1 billion over four months; and

**WHEREAS**, on the campaign trail, she stood up for reproductive freedom, gun safety laws, and workers' rights; and

**WHEREAS**, she made history as the first woman of color to lead the ticket of a major party, and inspired those who will follow in her footsteps; and

**WHEREAS**, Vice President Harris spread our Democratic values and shared her dream for the future throughout the campaign, providing hope for Americans and combatting the vitriol spread by Donald Trump; and

**WHEREAS**, as our nominee, she motivated young voters, excited our Democratic base, and encouraged new voters;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee thanks Vice President Harris for her courageous leadership during her presidential campaign, and commends her for meeting this historic moment.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

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*Resolution Condemning Trump's Billionaire Cabinet*

**WHEREAS**, Donald Trump's Cabinet is the wealthiest in American history, stacked with out-of-touch, special-interest billionaires who are only looking out for themselves and their balance sheets over working families; and

**WHEREAS**, Trump filled key positions in his administration with billionaire loyalists – from the Treasury Department and the so-called Department of Government Efficiency to the Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, his administration includes more billionaires than any other in American history, with a combined net worth that exceeds the GDP of 172 different countries.

**WHEREAS**, through price hikes and tax handouts to the ultra-rich and large corporations, Trump's administration will serve the ultra-wealthy and abandon hardworking Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, as the American people grapple with the transfer of power from the most pro-worker administration in American history to the most pro-billionaire administration, it's painfully clear that Americans voted for Trump on false economic promises that he's already walking back; and

**WHEREAS**, Republicans on the Hill are too focused on stuffing the coffers of Trump's mega-donors and ultra-rich Cabinet secretaries to think about the checkbooks of working families across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, as Trump's billionaire Cabinet tries to advance his extreme Project 2025 agenda, Democrats will hold them accountable for their lies; and

**WHEREAS**, the American people deserve leaders who will look out for them and their wallets – not Trump's crony capitalism that caters to his billionaire buddies and special interest donors;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee condemns Trump's billionaire-stacked Cabinet and their extreme agenda, and hereby promises to defend hardworking families, fight to lower costs, and push back against extreme Republicans doing the bidding of the ultra-wealthy and large corporations.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by:

Keisha Lance Bottoms/DNC Vice Chair for Civic Engagement and Voter Participation/GA  
Tammy Duckworth/DNC Vice Chair/IL  
Ken Martin/DNC Vice Chair/MN  
Chris Korge/DNC Finance Chair/FL  
Virginia McGregor/DNC Treasurer/PA  
Henry Muñoz/ Vice Chair/TX  
Jason Rae/DNC Secretary/WI  
Gretchen Whitmer/DNC Vice Chair/MI

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Leadership and Service of Chair Jaime Harrison*

**WHEREAS**, Chair Harrison has served the Democratic Party and our country over the past four years with fairness, dignity, and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, he grew up in Orangeburg, South Carolina, where he volunteered for the Clinton-Gore campaign, working on voter registration before he was old enough to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, Chair Harrison graduated with a B.A. from Yale and a J.D. from Georgetown; and

**WHEREAS**, he worked closely with his “political father,” Representative James Clyburn, and then went on to chair the South Carolina Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, President Joe Biden appointed Jaime Harrison as chair of the Democratic National Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, as DNC officers, we were honored to execute his agenda and serve by his side on behalf of the American people; and

**WHEREAS**, Chair Harrison’s “50-state strategy” invested in all 57 states and territories nationwide – across red and blue states alike – directly leading to victories in places like Arkansas, North Carolina, and Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to his courageous leadership, we directed more than \$4.5 million directly into the Red State Fund – which builds programs and infrastructure in traditionally Republican states, many of which have large rural communities; and

**WHEREAS**, he nearly quadrupled our partnership with diverse vendors year over year, directed \$15.5 million every month into our State Party Partnership, and \$5.5 million every month for electoral "SPIF" grants; and

**WHEREAS**, Chair Harrison's vision for the Party, expertise, and courage built a strong foundation and led us through an unprecedented election year;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Chair Jaime Harrison's leadership and service to the Democratic Party.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Leadership and Service of the DNC Officers*

**WHEREAS**, our DNC Officers have served our Party with passion, heart, and courage; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout an unprecedented year, their strength guided our country and the Democratic Party and helped us to execute a convention that spoke to the hopes and dreams of the American people; and

**WHEREAS**, the leadership of our DNC officers is commendable, and I am proud of the work they accomplished during their tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, their efforts helped us invest in all 57 states and territories, raise historic funds, and elect Democrats nationwide – from New Jersey to Georgia to Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, our DNC officers executed our agenda with competence and compassion, exemplifying what it means to be a Democrat;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors our DNC Officers for their passionate leadership and unwavering guidance.



The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

Co-Sponsored by:

Artie Blanco/NV

Luis Heredia/AZ

Jason Rae/DNC Secretary/WI

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***Resolution Honoring the Leadership and Service of DNC Hispanic Caucus Chair Emerita Iris Martinez***

**WHEREAS**, Iris Martinez served as a DNC member from Illinois since 2000 and as Chair of the DNC Hispanic Caucus since 2008, under the leadership of seven DNC Chairs; and

**WHEREAS**, during her time on the DNC and in her role as Chair of the DNC Hispanic Caucus, Martinez has been a leading voice within the Democratic Party, advocating for Latino voters and issues that affect the community; and

**WHEREAS**, as Chair of the DNC Hispanic Caucus, Martinez traveled across the country to states and territories including Arizona, California, Florida, New York, New Mexico, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico and Texas to highlight the work of the Caucus; and

**WHEREAS**, under her leadership as Caucus Chair, Martinez created an inclusive executive board by elevating members to represent their respective regions; and

**WHEREAS**, since her appointment to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee in 2008, Martinez has played an important role in helping support and modernize the Democratic National Committee and its outreach to and inclusion of Latino voters; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, Martinez was the first Latina woman elected to the Illinois State Senate and worked with colleague Barack Obama until he was elected to the U.S. Senate, and where she served until 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, Martinez won election as the Cook County Circuit Clerk and became the first Latina to serve in the position and the second woman of color to hold the position; and

**WHEREAS**, Martinez has been a part of five Democratic National Conventions, of which two nominated a woman for president, and helped to uplift Latino leadership and voices;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Democratic National Committee celebrates Iris Martinez for her leadership and service on the Democratic National Committee and as Chair of the DNC Hispanic Caucus.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Laurence Zakson/CA

Co-Sponsored by:

Otto Lee/CA

Garry Shay/CA

Analisa Swan/CA

Keith Umemoto/CA

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*Resolution Commending President Biden on the Confirmation of 235 Federal Judges*

**WHEREAS**, faith in the judicial system requires that jurists be qualified and conduct themselves by the highest ethical standards, and is substantially bolstered when the Judiciary looks like the communities that it serves;

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party is committed to the appointment and confirmation of judges who are highly qualified and instill confidence in the Judiciary by ensuring that the cadre of federal judges reflect the diversity of the nation as a whole;

**WHEREAS**, the professional, experiential, and demographic diversity of President Biden's nominees are unprecedented and include: the first former public defender ever appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States and more than 45 public defenders, more than 25 civil rights lawyers and at least 10 workers' rights lawyers appointed to the federal bench; the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court; a record percentage of women nominees (nearly two-thirds); a record number of African American, Latino, AANHPI, Native American, Muslim American and LGBTQ judges; the first Muslim American woman and man, and the first out lesbian to serve on any federal circuit; and more Black women appointed to serve on the federal courts of appeal than every other presidential administration combined;

**WHEREAS**, a Judiciary that reflects the diversity of our great nation inspires the kind of confidence in the judicial system that is critical to the Judiciary's role of protecting against overreach and unconstitutional actions by the Executive and Legislative branches of the federal government and by state and local governments;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee commends President Biden on the confirmation of 235 diverse and highly qualified federal judges during his term of office; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee calls on the United States Senate to take seriously its obligation to advise and consent on judicial appointments to

assure that the federal bench remains at least as professionally, experientially and demographically diverse as it is today as a result of President Biden's efforts.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: John Verdejo/NC

Co-Sponsored by:

Denise Adams/NC

Anderson Clayton/ Chair/NC

Barbara Faison/NC

Jonah Garson/Vice Chair/NC

Shelia Huggins/NC

Matt Hughes/NC

Katherine Jeanes/NC

Jennifer Marshall/NC

Robert Reives/NC

Diane Robertson/NC

Vinod Thomas/NC

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*Resolution Honoring the Leadership and Service of Governor Roy Cooper*

**WHEREAS**, Governor Roy Cooper has dedicated his life to public service, serving the people of North Carolina with unwavering commitment, integrity, and determination for over three decades; and

**WHEREAS**, born in Nash County, North Carolina, Governor Cooper's deep roots in the state shaped his dedication to improving the lives of its people and his education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned both his undergraduate and law degrees, prepared him for a distinguished career in public service; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to serving as Governor, Roy Cooper served as North Carolina's Attorney General for four terms, during which he championed consumer protection, fought against predatory lending, and worked to enhance public safety across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, as the 75th Governor of North Carolina, Governor Cooper prioritized the well-being of all North Carolinians, championing key issues such as education, health care access, environmental protection, economic development, and social justice during his two terms in office; and

**WHEREAS**, under Governor Cooper's leadership, North Carolina achieved significant progress, including record investments in public education, increased teacher pay, expanded Medicaid to improve access to health care for over 600,000 residents, and strengthened the state's economy by attracting transformative industries and creating thousands of new jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Cooper stood firm in his commitment to environmental stewardship, spearheading initiatives to combat climate change, promote clean energy, and protect North Carolina's natural resources for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Cooper was a steadfast advocate for democracy, equity, and inclusion, ensuring that all voices were heard, particularly those from historically marginalized communities, and championing policies to advance fairness and justice for all; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure, Governor Cooper navigated unprecedented challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, with steady and compassionate leadership, prioritizing public health, economic recovery, and the resilience of North Carolina communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Cooper demonstrated exemplary leadership during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, coordinating recovery efforts, securing federal aid, and ensuring that affected communities received the necessary support to rebuild and recover with dignity, resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Cooper is a devoted supporter of North Carolina's sports culture, including his love for the Carolina Hurricanes, frequently celebrating their victories and recognizing their impact on fostering state pride and community spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, his dedication to bipartisan collaboration and pragmatic governance has set a standard of excellence and left an indelible mark on the state of North Carolina and the Democratic Party;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee honors Governor Roy Cooper for his extraordinary contributions, recognizing him as a transformative leader who embodied the principles and values of the Democratic Party and worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the people of North Carolina; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee extends its deepest gratitude to Governor Cooper for his service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to building a better, more equitable future for all.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Laurence Zakson/CA

Co-Sponsored by:

Otto Lee/CA

Garry Shay/CA

Analisa Swan/CA

Keith Umemoto/CA

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***Resolution Calling for Reform of the Supreme Court of the United States to Address Ethical Crisis Detailed in the Senate Judiciary Committee Investigative Report***

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party has traditionally been, and is, committed to the rule of law and to holding government officials accountable for their actions;

**WHEREAS**, after a 20-month investigation, the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, chaired by then-U.S. Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin, found a consistent stream of ethical lapses by U.S. Supreme Court Justices and repeated failures by the Justices – under the leadership of Chief Justice John Roberts – to in any way address the Court’s ethical challenges;

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of the United States is facing an ethical crisis of its own making which is causing it to lose the trust of the American people, which, in turn, erodes support for the rule of law;

**WHEREAS**, the highest Court in the land cannot have the lowest ethical standards and the Court has hidden its head in the sand rather than addressing either (1) the failure of Justices, such as Associate Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, to disclose lavish gifts from billionaires and others with business before the Court or (2) the failure of Justices to recuse themselves from cases where they have an apparent conflict of interest;

**WHEREAS**, the ethical lapses uncovered by the Senate Judiciary Committee include: Justice Thomas accepting 258 lavish personal trips, dozens of which were not disclosed; Justice Thomas failing to disclose these and other lavish gifts in violation of federal law; Justice Alito misusing the “personal hospitality exemption” to hide gifts of luxury transportation and lodging in a 2008 Alaska fishing trip; the display of two well-established “Stop the Steal” symbols at the Alitos’ properties while Justice Alito actively participated in cases about the 2020 election; and Ginni Thomas, Justice Thomas’ wife, paid for efforts involving the “Stop the Steal” movement and other right-wing causes, which created a clear conflict of interest for Justice Thomas under applicable law;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate Judiciary Committee report recommends that Congress address these concerns by, among other steps, establishing an enforceable Code of Conduct for Supreme Court Justices and a mechanism for meaningful enforcement thereof, and, more specifically:

- “Congress must establish an enforceable code of conduct due to the Court’s abdication of its ethical responsibilities to do so.
- The Judicial Conference must be reformed and its internal operations improved, requiring action by Congress as well as internal changes by the Judicial Conference and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.
- Further investigation – ideally with the cooperation of the justices – is needed to understand how the justices allowed these ethical lapses to occur and how to effectively address these failures going forward.”

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee dedicates itself to the rule of law and to holding government officials accountable for their actions by supporting the recommendations of the Senate Judiciary Committee on reforms to the Supreme Court of the United States, the Judicial Conference and the Administrative Office of the Courts to address this ethical crisis; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the DNC will advocate for these and other reforms to the Supreme Court of the United States that are aimed at improving the public’s perception of the Court as an institution worthy of respect and trust.



The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: William Owen/TN

Co-Sponsored by:

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***Resolution Supporting the Constitution and the Proposition that all US Citizens are Equal Under the Law***

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution is the basic law of the United States of America; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution applies equally to all US citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, under the Constitution there are no “second class” citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, all individuals holding official offices in the US government or in each state government take an oath to support the Constitution; and,

**WHEREAS**, voting rights, privacy rights, religious rights, assembly rights, petition to redress grievances rights are long recognized as guaranteed by the Constitution;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) restates its commitment to and support of the United States Constitution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the DNC urges all Democratic candidates to recommit to supporting and defending the Constitution and the proposition that all US citizens are equal under the law.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: William Owen/TN

Co-Sponsored by:

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***Resolution Urging Congress to Work Together to Improve Health Care for all Americans***

**WHEREAS**, the goal of political involvement is to improve people's lives' and,

**WHEREAS**, the improvement of health care is one of the most important functions of government at all levels; and,

**WHEREAS**, there currently exists a five year mortality gap between men and women with the average lifespan of women at 80 years and the average lifespan for men at 75, including even larger gaps for Black and Hispanic men; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 election results reveal a serious weakening of support among men, including Black and Hispanic men, for Democratic candidates; and,

**WHEREAS**, one area in which all Americans should agree is the need to improve health care for everyone; and,

**WHEREAS**, increased focus on improving health care for all Americans may help narrow the life expectancy gap between men and women and result in improved election results for Democratic candidates by delivering meaningful progress on one of voters' top issues;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee urges Congress to work together to improve health care for all Americans.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Nadia Ahmad/FL

Co-Sponsors:

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Sunjay Muralitharan/CA

Michael Kapp/CA

Johnnie Roebuck/AR

Bel Leong-Hong/MD

Joe Salas/CA

BJ McCollister/ME

Samuel Vilchez Santiago/ FL

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*Resolution Condemning Political Violence and Promoting Peaceful Political Discourse*

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) is committed to upholding democratic principles, including the right to peaceful assembly, freedom of speech, and civil discourse in the political process; and

**WHEREAS**, political violence undermines the foundation of democracy, creates divisions within communities, and threatens the safety and well-being of citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, incidents of political violence and intimidation have demonstrated the urgent need for a unified stance against such actions, in order to foster a safe and constructive environment for political engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald Trump has repeatedly threatened his political opponents with prosecution and the use of military force, refused to condemn acts of violence on his behalf, used violent and dehumanizing rhetoric about those with opposing political views, and praised perpetrators of political violence; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2021, Donald Trump directed a violent mob to march on the Capitol in an effort to overturn the results of a free and fair election, leading to 140 law enforcement officials being injured and police officers losing their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, not only did Donald Trump refuse to take any action for hours on January 6 as his supporters stormed the Capitol threatened lawmakers, but he has also defended and pledged to pardon insurrectionists who were convicted for their roles in the assault on the Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, the DNC recognizes that political violence in any form, including physical attacks, intimidation, threats, and harassment, is antithetical to the principles of democracy and the values of the Democratic Party; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee unequivocally condemns all forms of political violence and intimidation, regardless of ideology or affiliation, and affirms its commitment to ensuring that political processes remain free from violence and coercion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the DNC encourages all political candidates, public officials, party members, and supporters to engage in respectful and peaceful discourse, even in the face of disagreement or protest; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the DNC calls upon law enforcement agencies, community leaders, and other political organizations to work collaboratively to prevent violence, de-escalate tensions, and protect the rights of individuals to participate safely in political activities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the DNC supports ongoing efforts to provide education and training on de-escalation, conflict resolution, and nonviolent communication for party members and the public; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be communicated to all members of the Democratic Party, shared widely with the public, and reaffirmed as an essential commitment to upholding democratic values and creating a safe and inclusive political environment for all.

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Submitted by: Nadia Ahmad/FL

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Joe Salas/CA

BJ McCollister/ME

Samuel Vilchez Santiago/ FL

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***Resolution Condemning Violence Against Women and Supporting Efforts to End Gender-Based Violence***

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) believes in the inherent dignity, equality, and rights of all people and is committed to creating a society in which all individuals are free from violence, harassment, and discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, violence against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, trafficking, and other forms of abuse, continues to harm millions of women and girls in the United States and worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, gender-based violence has far-reaching consequences for individuals, families, and communities, impacting physical and mental health, economic stability, and social well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, women from marginalized communities, including women of color, Indigenous women, LGBTQ+ women, immigrant women, and women with disabilities, often face heightened risk and experience systemic barriers to accessing support and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party has long been at the forefront of efforts to combat gender-based violence, from then-Senator Biden writing the groundbreaking Violence Against Women Act signed into law by President Clinton in 1994 to the reauthorization of VAWA in 2022 led by Democrats in Congress and signed into law by President Biden; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party remains committed to advancing policies, protections, and resources to prevent violence against women, support survivors, and hold perpetrators accountable;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee unequivocally condemns all forms of violence against women and commits to actively working to eliminate gender-based violence in all its forms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the DNC will advocate for robust funding and support for services that assist survivors of gender-based violence, including shelter, healthcare, counseling, and legal assistance, and promote policies that expand access to these services without discrimination; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the DNC urges policymakers at all levels of government to prioritize and enact comprehensive legislation aimed at preventing violence against women, protecting survivors, and ensuring that perpetrators are held accountable; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the DNC will work to raise public awareness about the prevalence and impacts of violence against women, encourage educational efforts on healthy relationships and gender equality, and promote community-based initiatives focused on prevention and empowerment; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee reaffirms its commitment to standing in solidarity with women and all survivors of gender-based violence, working to create a safer, more just society where everyone can live free from fear and violence.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Luis Davila-Pernas/Chair/PR

Co-Sponsored by:  
Emarielys Marrero/Vice Chair/PR

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***Resolution Calling Upon The Members Of The 119th Congress To Respond To The Democratic Will Of The People Of Puerto Rico And Washington, DC By Approving Legislation On The Admission Of Puerto Rico And Washington, DC As The 51st And 52nd States Of The United States Of America***

**WHEREAS**, Tom Perez, Chair of the Democratic National Committee, in 2017 and 2018 announced full Democratic Party support for statehood for the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, pledging to continue the effort needed to win more Democratic seats in Congress to make Puerto Rico and D.C. statehood a reality that its residents so deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Regional Caucus of the DNC voted unanimously to make statehood a priority and to create strategies for increased congressional support for the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico at the fall meeting of the DNC in December 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 2021, the House of Representatives (117th Congress) passed H.R.51 - Washington, D.C. Admission Act, the D.C. statehood bill, for the second time in history with a vote of 216-208. The bill provided “admission into the United States of the state of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth, composed of most of the territory of the District of Columbia. The commonwealth shall be admitted to the Union on an equal footing with the other states”; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 15, 2022, the House of Representatives (117th Congress) passed H.R. 8393 - Puerto Rico Status Act – providing for a federally sponsored, binding and self-executing plebiscite vote for the People of Puerto Rico to resolve its political status among the options of statehood, independence, or sovereignty in free association with the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution that was ratified in 1788 provided the right to vote for representation in Congress to the “People of the several States” of the United States, which included citizens living on the land that would later be designated by the federal government for the nation’s capital as ceded by Maryland and Virginia to become the District of Columbia; however, through the enactment of the “District of Columbia Organic Act of 1801” D.C. residents were disenfranchised from voting for representative Members of Congress more than 200 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, Puerto Rico was colonized by Spain in 1493 and became a United States territory in 1898 making Puerto Rico the oldest colony in the world and the longest held territory in the history of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, District of Columbia residents pay among the highest per capita federal taxes in the nation, the District of Columbia has a population which is larger than some states, and hundreds of thousands of residents have served in the federal armed services, and yet D.C. residents have no vote in the United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico lack full democracy, equality, and citizenship enjoyed by the residents of the 50 states; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico continue to express their determination to achieve full representation by electing two United States Senators and United States Representatives to represent them in Congress and achieve full democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, 3.2 million U.S. citizens live in Puerto Rico-more than in 20 states-but cannot vote for President and Vice President or elect members to the U.S. Senate nor voting members to the U.S. House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of the people of Puerto Rico have recently voted for statehood in four locally held plebiscites in 2012, 2017, 2020, and most recently in November 2024, showing their determination to end the current territorial and colonial status relationship with the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the District of Columbia endorsed statehood for the District of Columbia, and in 2016 passed a District-wide referendum advising the D.C. Council to petition Congress to enact a statehood admission act to admit the District into the Union; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 and 2024 Democratic Party Platform announced that Democrats “unequivocally support” statehood for the District of Columbia; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Democratic Party platform endorsed a guarantee of self-determination for the people of Puerto Rico, and Joe Biden announced during a 2020 campaign event that he believes “statehood to be the most effective means of ensuring that residents of Puerto Rico are treated equally”; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Democratic Platform acknowledged Puerto Ricans rejection of its current territorial status by stating that “Democrats recognize that the people of Puerto Rico have earned and deserve to resolve the political status question. For this reason, Democrats support the enactment of the Puerto Rico Status Act (H.R.2757/S.3231), and promotes the full civic and political representation for Puerto Ricans”; and



**WHEREAS**, on November 5, 2024, Puerto Ricans held a plebiscite using the exact same language and definitions included in the Puerto Rico Status Act (H.R. 2757/S.3231) and according to the Puerto Rico Elections Commission 58.48% of voters selected statehood as their preferred option; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats recognize that Puerto Rico has rejected its current territorial status, and has earned the right and deserves to be admitted as a state;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee, in recognition of the inherent limitations of Puerto Rico's territorial status and the District of Columbia's limited home rule, and the responsibility of the Federal Government to enable the people to freely express their wishes regarding political status and achieve full self-government, the DNC hereby calls upon the Democratic members of the 119th Congress to respond to the democratic will of the people of Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. by approving legislation on the admission of Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. as the 51st and 52nd states of the United States of America.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Jimmy Carter*

**WHEREAS**, James Earl (Jimmy) Carter Jr. was born in Plains, Georgia, on October 1, 1924; and

**WHEREAS**, attended the United States Naval Academy and received a Bachelor of Science in 1946; and

**WHEREAS**, while in the Navy, he became a submariner, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets and rising to the rank of lieutenant; and

**WHEREAS**, he took over the Carter farms in Georgia, quickly becoming a leader in the community and serving two terms in the state Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, Carter was first elected governor of Georgia in 1970 and served for four years; and

**WHEREAS**, he was beloved by the people in his home state of Georgia, where during his tenure as governor, he was a trailblazer on environmental policy and stood up for equal rights and desegregation; and

**WHEREAS**, he championed competence and compassion in government and sought to strengthen Georgia's educational system, leading to the successful adoption of a statewide kindergarten program; and

**WHEREAS**, he was elected president of the United States in 1976 and served for four years; and

**WHEREAS**, he led with dignity, decency, and empathy for all Americans, advancing international democracy and human rights and promoting economic and social development; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Carter was a public servant, leader, and humanitarian whose legacy of kindness, generosity, and charity improved the lives of countless individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Carter passed away on December 29, 2024, at age 100;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Democratic National Committee honors President Jimmy Carter for his contributions to our country, and the Democratic Party offers condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: David O'Brien/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Steve Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Deb Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

Karen Payne/MA

Melvin Poindexter/MA

Jim Roosevelt/MA

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Francis X. Bellotti*

**WHEREAS**, Francis X. Bellotti was born on May 3, 1923, in Boston, Massachusetts and passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on December 17, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank was the beloved husband to Maggie Bellotti, father to twelve children, twenty-five grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank graduated Boston English High School, class of 1940, Tufts University in 1947, and Boston College Law School in 1952; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank was a World War II veteran, having served in the United States Navy as an intelligence and athletic officer in the Scouts and Raiders, a precursor to the U.S. Navy Seals. He received the European-African Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon (1 Star), a Presidential Unit Citation, and Victory Ribbon WWII; and

**WHEREAS**, in his illustrious career, Frank marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, protested the war in Vietnam, and fought hard for civil rights, gay rights, consumer protection, and environmental safeguards, long before those became politically fashionable; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank served as Lieutenant Governor from 1963 to 1965 and went on to serve three terms as Attorney General from 1975 to 1987. As the state's top law enforcement official in the 1970s and 1980s, he was credited with professionalizing an office that became a model for attorneys general across the country and a training ground for dozens of Massachusetts judges; and

**WHEREAS**, after leaving office, Frank worked in private practice and helped found Arbella Insurance Group, where he served as chairperson, and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) established the Francis X. Bellotti award to be given to former state attorneys general whose work has furthered the NAAG mission; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, the Quincy, MA District Courthouse was renamed in Frank's honor; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee honors Francis X. Bellotti for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: André Treiber/TX

Co-Sponsored by:

Leonard Aguilar/TX

Rose Salas/TX

Roberto Alonzo/TX

Kerrigan Sanders/TX

Shay Wyrick Cathey/Vice Chair/TX

Dennis Speight/TX

Becca Moyer DeFelice/TX

Jeff Strater/TX

Lee Forbes/TX

Senfronia Thompson/TX

Gilberto Hinojosa/Chair/TX

Celina Vasquez/TX

Lorraine Miller/TX

Royce West/TX

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of William “Bill” Everett Brannon Jr.***

**WHEREAS**, William “Bill” Everett Brannon, Jr. was born October 20, 1949, in Birmingham, Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill eventually made his way to Texas, earning a degree in Political Science and History from North Texas University, he discovered his passion for political science and its potential to create a better world for everyday people, a calling he would proceed to dedicate his life to; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill dedicated over 40 years of his life to politics and public service, leaving a profound impact on the Texas Democratic Party and the communities he served, particularly in east Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill worked on over 150 Democratic campaigns in his life, served as the Hopkins County Democratic Party Chair, and twice was the Democratic Nominee for State House in his district; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill has served the Democratic Party in many ways throughout his life, including as Texas Young Democrats President, co-founder of the Non-Urban Rural Caucus, Redistricting Director, Rural Coordinator, Executive Director, and most recently, Senior Advisor; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill also served as a trusted staff member for elected officials at both the state and federal levels, including roles as Legislative Liaison for Governor Ann Richards, District Director for U.S. Congressmen Max Sandlin and Jim Chapman, and consultant for State Representatives Mark Homer, Barry Telford, and State Senator Richard Anderson; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill has been an inspiration for generations of Texans, and his legacy of dedication, hard work, and service will live on to inspire many more;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors William “Bill” Everett Brannon, Jr. for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Lavora Barnes/Chair/MI

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Milton Robert (Bob) Carr*

**WHEREAS**, Milton Robert (Bob) Carr was born in Janesville, Wisconsin on March 27, 1943; and

**WHEREAS**, attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received a Bachelor of Science in 1965 and a J.D in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Carr was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives (MI-6) in 1974, and served for 18 years; and

**WHEREAS**, he was well known and loved by the people in his home state of Michigan during his time in Congress, he took part in passing numerous bills that promoted the massive improvement of infrastructure in Michigan, including roads and airports; and

**WHEREAS**, he chaired the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, and set a new transcendental criteria of financing infrastructure to be based on merit and not politics; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a promoter for the arts, and he chaired the Congressional Arts Caucus, which secured extensive funding to the arts during times that opposition sought to cut it; and

**WHEREAS**, he dissented solutions that incurred in violence, hence he opposed the funding and military deployment to South Vietnam and Cambodia during the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Cold War, he was an advisor to the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT II), which had the purpose of preventing military adverse balance to the United States nuclear capacity compared to foreign powers; and

**WHEREAS**, after his time in Congress, he served as a professor at the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management, advisor at the Brookings Institution, and consultant on international counseling at the Transnational Strategy Group; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Carr was a public servant, lawyer, and visionary who was well known to stick to his principles with the intentions of helping the American people,

**WHEREAS**, Bob Carr passed away on August 27, 2024, at age 81;



**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Democratic National Committee honors Bob Carr for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party offers condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Colby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Co-Sponsored by:

Nancy DiNardo/Chair/CT

Sean Finnigan/DE

Jason Rae/DNC Secretary/WI

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of John D. Daniello*

**WHEREAS**, lifelong Delawarean John D. Daniello of Wilmington, was born in 1932 on Delaware Day, December 7, to Antonio and Congetta Daniello and passed away on January 6, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniello attended Archmere Academy in Claymont and graduated from the University of Delaware in 1957; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware Governor Bethany Hall-Long notes Daniello's long service at all levels of politics and government, calling him, "a true public servant ... [who] was a passionate and outspoken advocate for the issues he cared most about"; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniello's government service includes his work for the state's Department of Labor, his role as a Cabinet Secretary for the state's Department of Community Affairs and Economic Development under Governor Sherman Tribbitt, then as state director for the farm bureau in the U.S. Department of Agriculture under President Jimmy Carter, and additionally as a long-time member and chair of the Industrial Accident Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniello is widely recognized as a lifelong Democrat, who successfully served as the state's coordinator for the John F. Kennedy presidential campaign, who was elected in 1964 to the New Castle County Levy Court and then became a New Castle County Councilman-at-large in 1967, and ran for Congress in 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniello served at the local and county Democratic Party levels and was elected Chair of the Delaware Democratic Party in 2005 and was reelected in 2009 and 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniello proudly served as one of the state's presidential electors in 2020 to cast his vote for Joseph R. Biden, Jr. for president; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Chris Coons remembers Daniello as an “immense political force and personality who helped make the Democratic Party in Delaware the dominant institution that it is today” and credits Daniello as the person who first convinced him to run for office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Democratic Party notes that Daniello’s “leadership and involvement helped shape the modern Democratic Party in Delaware, laying the foundation for many of the electoral victories and legislative achievements that Democrats experience today”; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniello is survived by his wife of 65 years, Natalie (Moore) Daniello, four children and eight grandchildren;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors John D. Daniello for his contributions to the State of Delaware, our country, and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

Steve Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

David O'Brien/MA

Karen Payne/MA

Mel Poindexter/MA

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of the Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of the Hon. William D. Delahunt***

**WHEREAS**, William D. Delahunt was born on July 18, 1941, in Quincy, Massachusetts, and passed away on March 30, 2024, after a long illness; and

**WHEREAS**, Delahunt received his diploma from Thayer Academy in Braintree, Massachusetts, attended university at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont, and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1967 from Boston College School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts; and

**WHEREAS**, Delahunt served his nation with honor as a member of the United States Coast Guard and United States Coast Guard Reserve and remained a champion of the service throughout his time in office; and

**WHEREAS**, Delahunt began his lifetime of public service in 1971 as a member of the Quincy, Massachusetts City Council and was elected to represent the Fourth Norfolk District in the 169th Session of The Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, Delahunt was appointed to serve as District Attorney for the Norfolk District by Governor Michael S. Dukakis in 1975, was elected in his own right in 1976 and served until 1997, making him the longest-tenured Norfolk County District Attorney in the history of the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, Delahunt was a pioneering District Attorney who prioritized the needs of victims and established more than a dozen new units within his office that focused on reducing crime in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Delahunt was elected and served as United States Representative for the 10th District of Massachusetts for the 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, and 111th sessions of Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, Delahunt stayed true to his values as a Democrat throughout his service in Congress where he championed issues including clean energy, healthcare, and criminal justice reform, while also using his outsized influence on foreign policy matters to make a difference for his constituents, including by negotiating for discounted home heating fuel from foreign nations and working to improve the bureaucratic hurdles of international adoptions; and

**WHEREAS**, Delahunt served as interim Director of the Harvard Institute of Politics from 2016 to 2018 where he was celebrated by students and faculty for his commitment to mentoring the next generation of political leadership; and

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**WHEREAS**, Delahunt was recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for his public service with the re-dedication of the Norfolk County Superior Courthouse as the “William D. Delahunt Courthouse” in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Senator Edward J. Markey remarked upon Delahunt’s passing that “The Commonwealth and the country are better for Bill Delahunt’s vision and service”;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors William D. Delahunt for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to his family, friends, and former colleagues.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Ken Martin/Chair/MN

Co-Sponsored by:

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Kari Dziejdzic***

**WHEREAS**, Former Minnesota Senate Leader Kari Dziejdzic passed away on December 27, 2024, at the age of 62, after a long battle with ovarian cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Dziejdzic was born in 1962 in Minneapolis, in a family very involved in politics, with her father, Walt Dziejdzic, a longtime member of the Minneapolis City Council, Minneapolis Park Board member, and police inspector; and

**WHEREAS**, Dziejdzic attended Edison High School in Minneapolis and earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, Dziejdzic's foray into politics was as an executive assistant to U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone, and later worked as communications director for the Hennepin County Attorney, and then as a policy aide for a Hennepin County Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, first elected to the State Senate in a special election in January 2012, Dziejdzic was reelected in November 2012 and then subsequently reelected in 2016, 2020 and 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, when the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party (DFL) gained the Senate majority in 2022, Dziejdzic was selected to serve as Majority Leader in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, House Speaker Melissa Hortman (DFL-Brooklyn Park) called Dziejdzic "one of the most skilled diplomats ever to serve in elected office," and said "she will be remembered for treating people with dignity and respect and never giving up on finding workable compromises"; and

**WHEREAS**, in her term as Senate Majority Leader, Dziejdzic oversaw passage of funding universal school meals for students, approving a paid family and medical leave program, and other laws that affected lives of Minnesotans; and

**WHEREAS**, DFL State Party Chair Ken Martin said, "It is impossible to overstate the positive impact that Senator Dziejdzic's leadership has had on our state," adding that "Minnesota has lost a giant, but her extraordinary legacy will outlast us all"; and

**WHEREAS**, Dziezic's personal fight with cancer led to the state passing a requirement for health insurance to cover a doctor's prescription for wigs up to \$1,000 per year, a law that became effective on January 1; and

**WHEREAS**, Dziezic is survived by her mother, five siblings and their spouses and her nieces and nephews;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Kari Dziezic for her contributions to the State of Minnesota, our country, and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to her family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Deb Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

Co-Sponsored by: Steve Kerrigan/Chair/MA

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Norma Fenochietti*

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Democratic National Committee and the Massachusetts Democratic Party were greatly saddened by the of passing of our friend and colleague Norma Fenochietti, a longtime member of the Democratic National Committee, a dedicated public servant and kind, loving human being; and

**WHEREAS**, Norma Fenochietti served honorably as Democratic National Committeewoman, representing Massachusetts as an outstanding and well respected life member of the Massachusetts Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, Norma Fenochietti was a member of the Democratic Town Committee, and at the state level, she was the longest serving Vice Chair of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee, mentoring many young political hopefuls, setting an example for all current and future aspirants to Democratic activity at the local state and national level; and

**WHEREAS**, Norma Fenochietti served as Chief of Staff for State Senator Allan McKinnon prior to being appointed by Governor Michael Dukakis, who realized talent when he saw it, made Norma his Director of Scheduling. When Allan McKinnon was appointed Chairman of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Norma was chosen to once again work as the new chair's deputy. Together, they made the turnpike into one of the safest of any major turnpike in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Norma Fenochietti lived her life through "Faith, Family, and Friends", and of course, the Democratic Party, proved the importance and guidance required for a successful life. Not to mention, the very name Norma Fenochietti struck fear into the hearts of Republicans everywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, Norma Fenocietti's honesty, work ethic, kindness, and humanity along with her good judgment and commitment to public service made her a beloved friend and respected figure throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, Norma Fenochietti was a loving wife to husband Edward for 71 years and a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She will be dearly missed;



**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee, on behalf of its members;

1. celebrates Norma Fenochietti and her lifetime of tireless commitment and outstanding service to the Democratic Party, and her community, and
2. honors the memory of Norma Fenochietti, and expresses their sincerest sympathy to the Fenochietti family on her passing.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Nadia Ahmad/FL

Co-Sponsors:

Alan Clendenin/FL

Sunjay Muralitharan/CA

Michael Kapp/CA

Johnnie Roebuck/AR

Bel Leong-Hong/MD

Joe Salas/CA

BJ McCollister/ME

Samuel Vilchez Santiago/ F

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Former U.S. Senator Bob Graham***

**WHEREAS**, Bob Graham dedicated his life to public service, serving with distinction as a Florida State Legislator, Governor of Florida from 1979 to 1987, and United States Senator from 1987 to 2005, during which he championed a wide array of causes that profoundly impacted Floridians, Americans, and the global community; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Graham was a tireless advocate for environmental protection, playing an important role in preserving Florida's natural treasures, particularly through his efforts to restore and protect the Everglades, securing federal funding and championing bipartisan solutions for one of the nation's most critical ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, he worked to strengthen public education, advocating for reforms that improved Florida's schools and laid the foundation for educational opportunities nationwide, reflecting his lifelong commitment to investing in the next generation; and

**WHEREAS**, as Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Senator Graham was a steadfast defender of national security leading efforts to investigate the events leading up to 9/11, promoting accountability, advocating against the U.S. invasion of Iraq and co-authoring a landmark report highlighting important lessons for improving intelligence operations and protecting the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, in his later years, Senator Graham turned his focus to civic education and public engagement, founding the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida, which has inspired countless young leaders to pursue careers in public service and civic advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, he was also an accomplished author, writing books such as *America, the Owner's Manual: Making Government Work for You* and the novel, *Keys to the Kingdom*, which combined his extensive knowledge of government with compelling storytelling to educate and engage citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Graham's "Workdays" initiative, in which he performed over 400 different jobs alongside Floridians, exemplified his dedication to understanding and addressing the needs of everyday people, embodying his belief in the dignity of work and the value of public service; and

**WHEREAS**, even after leaving public office, Senator Graham continued to champion critical causes, including environmental sustainability, public health, and civic education, serving on national commissions and advisory boards that addressed pressing issues such as oil spill recovery and nuclear security; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Graham was not only a respected public servant but also a devoted family man, serving as a loving husband, father, and grandfather who instilled in his children and grandchildren the values of integrity, humility, and a commitment to making the world a better place; and

**WHEREAS**, his role as a father to four daughters and a grandfather to eleven grandchildren was a source of immense pride and joy, and his legacy of public service is carried forward by his family, who continue to honor his ideals through their own endeavors;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee honors the extraordinary life and legacy of former U.S. Senator Bob Graham, recognizing his transformative impact on environmental conservation, education, national security, and public service, as well as his enduring role as a loving family man and mentor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the DNC celebrates Senator Graham's contributions as an author, educator, and mentor who inspired generations to engage in democracy, and extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who mourn his passing; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution serves as a lasting tribute to Senator Bob Graham, whose visionary leadership, tireless advocacy, and lifelong commitment to public service and family will continue to inspire and guide future generations across the nation.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

Steve Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

David O'Brien/MA

Karen Payne/MA

Mel Poindexter/MA

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Work of Gloria Fox*

**WHEREAS**, former Massachusetts State Representative Gloria Fox was born on March 18, 1942 in Boston, Massachusetts and died on November 11, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria Fox attended Boston and Everett public schools and completed the MIT Community Fellows Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria married Joseph D. Fox, Sr. of Boston and they had two sons – Joseph D. Fox, Jr. and Durrell J. Fox; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria raised her children as a single parent in the Whittier Street Public Housing Development where she began building her foundation in community organizing; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria Fox worked as a community organizer before entering politics and was active in the fight to stop the Southeast Expressway (Stop 1-95) from cutting through Roxbury; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria Fox joined ABCD as a Director of the Roxbury Area Planning Action Council (APAC) where she continued to be a powerful voice for access to job training, child care and quality health care; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Fox was elected to the Massachusetts State Legislature in 1986 and was the longest serving woman in the Great and General Court when she retired from her seat in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Fox served on the Joint Committee on Housing, The Joint Committee on Ways and Means, the House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, and the House Committee on Ways and Means; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Fox's legislative work focused on criminal justice reform, child welfare and foster care, redistricting, Election Day voter registration and eliminating health disparities in communities of color; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Fox was an impactful member of the Boston Delegation of the Massachusetts Legislature, the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria hosted a community Kwanzaa celebration for decades in honor of Kujichagulia, Self-Determination, her favorite Kwanzaa principle which embodied everything she stood for;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Gloria L. Fox for her contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers condolences to her family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Celina Vasquez/TX

Co-Sponsored by: Robert Alonzo/TX

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*Memorial Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Trinidad "Trini" Garza*

**WHEREAS**, Trinidad "Trini" Garza was born in Stockdale, Texas on September 22, 1931 to Gabriel and Carmen Garza; and

**WHEREAS**, Trini came from a migrant worker family that moved to Floresville, TX, near San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, Trini worked, went to school at night, and joined the Naval Reserves; and

**WHEREAS**, Trini went into active duty in 1952-1955 and served in the Korean War. He received the National Defense Service Medal and Boxing Champion on his ship; and

**WHEREAS**, after the Navy, Trini returned to San Antonio to continue his college education and meet his future wife, Benilde Mendoza, at a United Methodist Young Adult mixer; and

**WHEREAS**, Trini attended Texas A&M and received his degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1961, and touted the value of education ever since.; and

**WHEREAS**, Trini moved to Dallas to begin his career with LTV Corp., and his laity service to the United Methodist Church and the Dallas community.

**WHEREAS**, in 1970 Trini won election to the Board of Trustees, becoming the first Hispanic to serve on the Dallas Independent School District board; and

**WHEREAS**, President Jimmy Carter appointed Trini to serve as the Regional Director of ACTION; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, Trini was elected to the Dallas ISD School Board for a second time, giving the Board of Trustees majority minority representation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994 Trini accepted President Bill Clinton's appointment as Deputy Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, Trini was honored by having the Trinidad Garza Early College High School named for him at Mountain View College; and

**WHEREAS**, Trini served on The Texas Silver Hair Legislature, the Dallas Mexican American Historic League (DMAHL), the League of Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Tejano Democrats of Texas, founding Board Member of Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), Charlton Methodist Hospital, Dallas CAN Academy, West Dallas Community Centers, Inc., Senior Affairs Commission, City of Dallas, Texas A&M Century Club Member and The Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He has been honored and bestowed numerous awards, which included the Dallas Historical Society's "History Maker Award for Volunteer Community Service" and the Southwest Jewish Congress' "Stan Golden Men of Action Award"; and

**WHEREAS**, education advocate Trinidad "Trini" Garza is being remembered as a "trailblazer" for his work advancing Dallas' Hispanic community; and

**WHEREAS**, Garza's ground-breaking work in education has blessed generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinidad "Trini" Garza, one of the pioneers of the Hispanic community in Dallas and an advocate for education, died on Thursday, November 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinidad "Trini" Garza was truly a great American, Texan, husband, father, mentor, and education civil rights activist;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Democratic National Committee honors Trinidad "Trini" Garza for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to his family, friends, and all Texans.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Alicia Andrews/Chair/OK

Co-Sponsored by:

Kalyn Free/OK

Cyndi Munson/OK

David Walters/OK

Cory Williams/Vice Chair/OK

Jason Rae/DNC Secretary/WI

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Fred R. Harris*

**WHEREAS**, Fred R. Harris was born near Walters, Oklahoma on November 13, 1930; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a political science degree in 1952 and a law degree in 1954; and

**WHEREAS**, he practiced civil law for two years in Lawton, Ohio, before being elected as the youngest member of the Oklahoma Senate in 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time in the Oklahoma Senate, he authored legislation to form the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1964, he was elected to fill the seat of Senator Robert S. Kerr, who died of a heart attack; and

**WHEREAS**, as a Senator, Harris backed President Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society programs; and

**WHEREAS**, following his Senate term, Harris became Democratic National Chairman in 1969, and was an impactful member of the Kerner Commission on Civil Disorders, working with issues of racism and urban riots; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, Harris ran for president, building a coalition of disaffected Black and poor white people, blue-collar workers, farmers and families burdened by unemployment, inflation, and taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, Harris lost the nomination to former President Jimmy Carter in the 1976 election; and



**WHEREAS**, Harris became a professor of political science at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque and wrote several books, including two memoirs; and

**WHEREAS**, Fred R. Harris passed away on November 23, 2024, at age 94; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Fred R. Harris for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party offers condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Shane Merrill/Chair/SD

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Sen. Tim Johnson*

**WHEREAS**, Timothy Peter Johnson in Canton, South Dakota on December 28, 1946; and

**WHEREAS**, Johnson attended the University of South Dakota, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees by 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, he served in the South Dakota House of Representatives from 1979 to 1983 and in the South Dakota Senate from 1983 to 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from South Dakota's at-large congressional district in 1986 and during his first term, he introduced more legislation that became law than any other freshman member of the House; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1991 to 1994, he served as a regional whip for the Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, his Senate career began in 1997, setting continuance to his extensive presence in Congress for the following decade; and

**WHEREAS**, his legislative works included the authoring of bills that provided access to water in Indian Reservations in southern South Dakota and rural areas in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, his efforts in Congress extended to providing clearer labels in food products, expedited advance in funding for veterans' benefits, and new sections of the National Park Service; and

**WHEREAS**, he served in the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Committee on Indian Affairs, and became chairman of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, despite going through health difficulties that affected his speech and mobility, he continued serving in the Senate after his recovery for nearly 10 more years; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Tim Johnson was a leader, public servant, visionary and educator who dedicated his life to ensuring the improvement of living conditions to the Indian community, expansion of infrastructure, and access to better health care to millions of Americans;

**WHEREAS**, Tim Johnson passed away on October 8, 2024, at age 77;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Tim Johnson for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party offers condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Steve Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Ethel Kennedy*

**WHEREAS**, Ethel Kennedy was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 11, 1928; and

**WHEREAS**, attended Manhattanville College and obtained a bachelors degree in 1949; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1946 she helped his brother-in-law John F Kennedy campaign for Congress for Massachusetts' 11th Congressional District. Later in 1952, she contributed to John F. Kennedy's campaign for Senate by organizing numerous events for potential voters; and

**WHEREAS**, after John F. Kennedy became President of the United States in 1960, she and her husband were appointed to visit more than a dozen countries in 28 days, serving as the stand-in for President and the First Lady; and

**WHEREAS**, she supported her husband Robert F. Kennedy while he campaigned for and won a seat in the United States Senate representing New York in 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, after the passing of her husband Robert F Kennedy in 1968, she stated her desire to focus on furthering her husband's legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, she founded the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Justice and Human Rights, which brings attorneys, activists, and entrepreneurs to collaborate with local governments and corporations to ensure human rights. Within the organization, she demonstrated her commitment to social justice by marching with activist Cesar Chavez, sat with Native Americans at Alcatraz, confronted dictator Arap Moi in Nigeria, and trekked mountainous terrains to visit unjustly convicted prisoners in Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts extended to working in social impact in local cities, such as the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Project. She also co-chaired the Coalition of Gun Control; and

**WHEREAS**, she supported Barack Obama in his campaign in 2008. One of her efforts led to raising \$6 million for Obama's campaign in one night. Her efforts and fundraisers also helped Democratic gubernatorial candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama in 2014 in light of her dedication to advancing social justice, human rights, environmental protection and fighting poverty causes; and

**WHEREAS**, Ethel Kennedy was a leader, visionary, mother, wife and advocate who dedicated her life to serve other leaders and those who are in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Ethel Kennedy passed away on October 10, 2024, at age 96;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Ethel Kennedy for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party offers condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: June Owens/TN

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Congressman Jim Leach*

**WHEREAS**, James Albert Smith Leach was born October 15, 1942 in Davenport, Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, he received his A.B. in Politics from Princeton University in 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, he received his Masters of Arts degree in Soviet Studies from John Hopkins University in 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives as a Republican in 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Leach served in the United States House of Representatives from 1977 to 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Leach served in Congress for 15 terms until he was defeated by Democratic congressional candidate Dave Loebsack in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, in his post-congressional career Congressman Leach served in various ways including in a teaching position at Princeton's School of Public and International Affairs, a teaching position at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and served in a three-year dual appointment as the University of Iowa chair of public affairs and visiting professor of law; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Leach continued his service with several non-profit organizations and he and his wife Debra have donated more than 300 pieces of art to the Stanley Museum of Art where he once served as Interim Director; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his lifetime, Congressman Leach has received numerous honors including 13 honorary degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 12, 2008, Congressman Leach broke party ranks by endorsing Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama over Republican presidential candidate John McCain. On August 25, 2008, Congressman Leach spoke at the Democratic National Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, in June of 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Congressman Jim Leach to serve as the ninth Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Congressman Leach served as Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities from August 2009 to May 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Jim Leach revealed in 2022 that he had changed his party affiliation from Republican to Democrat and had gone on to endorse numerous Democratic candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman James Albert Smith Leach passed away on December 11, 2024, at the age of 82;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors The Honorable Congressman Jim Leach for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to his family and to all Iowans.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: \*Josh Coleman/ AL

Co-Sponsored by:

Carol Abney/TN

Stephanie Beal/CO

Raymond Buckley/NH

Manny Crespín/NM

Indira Duggirala/CO

Bryan Graham/VA

Matt Hughes/NC

Quentin Wathum-Ocama/MN

\*Caroline Self/AL

Jeff Strater/TX

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Lilly Ledbetter***

**WHEREAS**, Lilly McDaniel Ledbetter was born on April 14, 1938, near Jacksonville, Alabama, and was raised in a small town in the heart of the American South; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly Ledbetter was hired in 1979 as an overnight supervisor at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Gadsden, Alabama, where she initially earned the same salary as her male colleagues; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her career at Goodyear, Lilly Ledbetter faced pay discrimination, ultimately earning less than any of the men performing the same work, despite her dedication and recognition with a Top Performance Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly Ledbetter's discovery of the pay disparity was made possible through the courage of an anonymous individual who provided her with a note listing the salaries of her male counterparts; and

**WHEREAS**, after uncovering this injustice, Lilly Ledbetter filed a formal complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and later pursued legal action against Goodyear, alleging pay discrimination under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Pay Act of 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court's 2007 ruling in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.* set a precedent limiting the timeframe for filing claims of pay discrimination, which spurred a national movement to address systemic inequities in workplace compensation; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly Ledbetter's tireless advocacy for equal pay inspired landmark legislation, culminating in the passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama on January 29, 2009, as the first piece of legislation of his presidency; and



**WHEREAS**, Lilly Ledbetter's unwavering determination to seek justice for herself and countless others has left an indelible mark on the fight for gender equity, ensuring that future generations are empowered to challenge workplace discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly Ledbetter's life exemplified courage, resilience, and a commitment to fairness, inspiring her fellow Americans and advancing the cause of equality across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly Ledbetter passed away on October 12, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of perseverance and advocacy that continues to shape our nation's pursuit of justice;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors the life and legacy of Lilly Ledbetter for her extraordinary contributions to the cause of pay equity, gender justice, and civil rights; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party offers its deepest condolences to Lilly Ledbetter's family, friends, and all those whose lives were touched by her remarkable advocacy and dedication to equality; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee reaffirms its commitment to advancing pay equity and dismantling workplace discrimination in honor of Lilly Ledbetter's enduring legacy.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Hendrell Remus/Chair/TN

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the life of John Richard "Dick" Lodge, Jr.*

**WHEREAS**, John Richard "Dick" Lodge, Jr. was born in Sewanee, Tennessee on June 16, 1949; and

**WHEREAS**, he attended the University of the South and later on received a Juris Doctor degree from Vanderbilt University in 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, he took part of the Tennessee Attorney General's office up until 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, he joined the U.S. Senate campaign to elect Jim Sasser (D-TN) and after his victory, he served as Sasser's first Legislative Director in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, after moving back to Nashville and working as a lawyer for Willis and Knight in 1978, he became popular for his skills outside of his professional endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, Lodge became known for whipping up delicious meals after late night political meetings along with entertaining friends, neighbors, and clients regularly as his cooking skills were impressive; and

**WHEREAS**, his call in politics continued persevering and he became the Chair of the Tennessee Democratic Party in 1983 and his parallel membership to the committee of Southern States for the following years made him one of the pioneers of Super Tuesday; and

**WHEREAS**, his service extended beyond politics, as he became Chair of the Nashville Sports Authority, Senior Warden at the Christ Church Cathedral, and member of the Sewanee Board of Regents as his commitment to the his town and college community; and

**WHEREAS**, was a leader, public servant and advocate, who will always be remembered for his trajectory in politics, commitment to law and dedication to areas outside of law by his passion of helping those in need;

**WHEREAS**, John Richard "Dick" Lodge Jr passed away on September 20, 2024, at age 75;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors John Richard "Dick" Lodge, Jr for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party offers condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Lee Saunders/NY

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of William "Bill" Lucy*

**WHEREAS**, William "Bill" Lucy was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on November 26, 1933; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Lucy began his public service career in the Contra Costa County, California, Public Works Department; and

**WHEREAS**, while working for the county, he became involved in an employee association that represented the workers and set out to transform their organization into a true trade union, affiliating with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) in 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, he took leadership roles in his AFSCME local and was later invited to work at the union's national headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he set up the new Department of Legislation and Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, as a department director at AFSCME, he fought for AFSCME members' rights and voice on the job, helping them secure better wages and working conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, he served the Nation in the U.S. Navy in the early 1950s; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, Lucy traveled to Memphis to resolve an impasse between the city and its 1,300 sanitation workers, who were fighting for dignity, respect and union recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, Lucy would play a key role in their historic strike, helping craft the slogan worn by the strikers, "I AM A MAN", as well as helping negotiate a contract with the city that met the strikers' demands; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1972, he co-founded the Coalition for Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), which fought to ensure that African Americans have a voice in the trade union movement; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1984, he co-founded the Free South Africa Movement, which became a monumental grassroots anti-apartheid campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994, he led a delegation of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) to monitor the South African elections in which Nelson Mandela became president; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994, he was elected president of Public Services International (PSI), the world's largest union federation, and later served as vice president of various departments within the AFL-CIO, including industrial union, maritime trades, and professional employees; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a member of the boards of directors of several civil rights groups, including the African American Institute, Americans for Democratic Action, and the Center for Policy Awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, Lucy's efforts helped AFSCME grow to more than 1.4 million members across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, he was one of the most accomplished and influential trade unionists ever, anywhere in the world, as well as a fierce defender of civil and human rights, and his actions had a positive impact on millions of lives and changed the American labor movement forever; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Lucy passed away on September 25, 2024, at age 90;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors William "Bill" Lucy for his contributions to our country, and the Democratic Party offers condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Jason Rae/Secretary/WI

Co-Sponsored by:

Donna Brazile/DC

Minyon Moore/DC

Leah Daughtry/NY

Lottie Shackelford/AR

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Marvin Turner*

**WHEREAS**, Marvin Turner was born on March 14, 1947, in Atlanta, Georgia, in the Buttermilk Bottom neighborhood, where he grew up surrounded by a vibrant community that shaped his lifelong commitment to service and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Turner attended Howard High School and, upon graduation, joined Job Corps, where he began a career dedicated to advancing social justice, workers' rights, and equity; and

**WHEREAS**, he began his political career with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), advocating for workers' rights in the Carolinas and later housing rights, before moving to Washington, D.C., to work for the DC Metro system; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Turner served two extraordinary women in public office – Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly – and was later a mayoral appointee on the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, his passion for justice and equality led him to work for the National Rainbow Coalition as the D.C. Statehood Coordinator and on the advance staff for Reverend Jesse L. Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Turner later joined the Democratic National Committee, where he served for 19 years in the Office of the Secretary, becoming a cornerstone of the organization, a trusted advisor to leadership, and a beloved mentor to countless interns and staff members; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure, Mr. Turner formed deep and lasting relationships with DNC members, ensuring their voices were heard and their needs addressed, and became known for his warmth, humor, and ability to connect with everyone he met; and

**WHEREAS**, Marvin Turner was not only a trusted colleague but also a dear friend to many, bringing light and joy to those around him with his quick wit, famous storytelling, and unparalleled generosity of spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Turner passed away on August 13, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, integrity, and dedication that will continue to inspire all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Turner is survived by his six siblings, many nieces and nephews, godchildren, and an extended family of friends and colleagues who deeply mourn his loss;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Marvin Turner for his decades of service to the Democratic Party, his unwavering commitment to the values of democracy and justice, and the countless lives he touched through his work.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: LeRoy Jones/Chair/NJ

Co-Sponsored by: Peg Schaffer/Vice Chair/NJ

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Bill Pascrell Jr.***

**WHEREAS**, Bill Pascrell Jr was born in Paterson, New Jersey on January 25, 1937; and

**WHEREAS**, Pascrell Jr. attended Fordham University a Bachelors in Journalism in 1959 and Master's in Philosophy in 1961; and

**WHEREAS**, he served the Nation in U.S. Army and Army Reserves and was honorably discharged in 1967; and

**WHEREAS**, for 12 years he served the education sector as a history teacher at Paramus High School, professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University, and appointed President of the Paterson Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, he was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in 1987, and elected as Mayor of Paterson in 1990 where he held the position for 8 years, and

**WHEREAS**, in 1996 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives (NJ-9) and served for nearly 14 terms; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time in Congress, Pascrell focused on legislation that was practical and problem-solving for the people, which he described as "helping regular Americans pay their bills"; and

**WHEREAS**, amongst his extensive legislative work, he sponsored the introduction of Assistance to Firefighter Program, reauthorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, and introduction of the Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Law Enforcement Training Act which made impact in the health of the American people today; and

**WHEREAS**, his legislative work extended to public health, consumer protection, scientific research, foreign affairs, infrastructure, transportation, historical preservation of land; and



**WHEREAS**, he founded the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, which extended prevention and treatment of head trauma in athletes and military personnel throughout collaboration in the public and private sector agencies, and

**WHEREAS**, Pascrell served as one of the original members of the Homeland Security Committee, and was member of the House of Transportation Committee and Chairman of the Oversight Subcommittee on Oversight of the Committee on Ways and Means; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Pascrell Jr. was an educator, visionary, and most importantly a leader who impacted the lives of many Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Pascrell Jr. passed away on August 21, 2024, at age 87;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Bill Pascrell Jr. for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party offers condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

Co-Sponsored by:

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Kay Patterson***

**WHEREAS**, State Senator Kay Patterson was born on January 11, 1931 in Darlington County, South Carolina to James and Leila Prince Patterson and was raised in Darlington and Sumter Counties by his paternal and maternal grandmothers, Mrs. Meta B. Patterson and Mrs. Emma Joseph; and

**WHEREAS**, Patterson was known for his sharp wit and as an outspoken and fiery speaker who, as one of the longest serving leaders in the state's political community, was considered a moving force in promoting and effectuating change in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Patterson graduated from Lincoln High School in 1949, attended Claflin College and then served in the Marines from 1951 to 1953 as a sergeant, returning to the state to earn his baccalaureate in Social Sciences at Allen University in 1956, then his Masters of Education from South Carolina State College in 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, while in college, Patterson cleaned offices at the State Capitol, which because of segregation at the time, he and other Black people could only be if they were working; and

**WHEREAS**, Patterson was a classroom educator for over 14 years teaching at several schools – W.A. Perry Middle School, C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy, and Benedict College – and served 16 years as a UniServe Representative for the South Carolina Education Association before retiring in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1983, Patterson was selected by the state's House Education Committee to serve on the Board of Trustees for the University of South Carolina, becoming the first Black person to serve on the Board since Reconstruction; and

**WHEREAS**, Patterson served in the state House of Representatives from 1974 until 1985, at which time, with the urging of U.S. Representative Jim Clyburn, he ran for and was elected to the state Senate where he served until his retirement in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1980, Patterson advocated for removal of the Confederate flag from inside the House and Senate chambers long before the flags were taken down in 2000, and from the South

Carolina State House dome, initially sponsoring a bill for its removal in 1983, decades before Governor Nikki Haley signed a bill into law in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Jim Clyburn called Patterson, “a trusted leader, a tireless champion for civil rights, and a treasured friend .... a person of strength, determination, [and] wisdom”; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Democratic Party said that Patterson “left an indelible mark on our state, ... [and he] commanded everyone's attention with his wit and wisdom”; and

**WHEREAS**, Patterson was married to Jean James of Pinewood, South Carolina and they had two children and three grandchildren;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Kay Patterson for his contributions to the State of South Carolina, our country, and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Celina Vasquez/TX

Co-Sponsored by: Gilberto Hinojosa/Chair/TX

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***Memorial Resolution Honoring the Life and Legal Career of Frumencio Reyes Jr.***

**WHEREAS**, Frumencio Reyes, Jr., 84, was born on March 7, 1939 in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, Frumencio came from a hardworking family and was taught at an early age the importance of an education by his mother; and

**WHEREAS**, Frumencio met the love of his life Janie Palomo in high school at an early age of 18 and got married; and

**WHEREAS**, Frumencio attended college and graduated from law school and became a very successful attorney in Houston with the support of his wife Janie, hard work, and determination; and

**WHEREAS**, Frumencio was a community leader with a true understanding of the importance of Hispanic representation and local government in Houston, Texas and Harris County. Whereas, Frumencio worked tirelessly for the betterment of the Hispanic community, therefore helped many past and current elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, Frumencio co-founded Harris County Tejano Democrats, the largest Hispanic Democratic organization in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Frumencio had an impactful legacy as a Houston voting rights icon through his legal acumen; and

**WHEREAS**, Frumencio Reyes Jr. was a co-founder of the Mexican American Bar Association of Houston in 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, Frumencio Reyes Jr. was a giant in Harris county politics and received numerous awards and distinctions such as The James W. Wray, Jr. Founder's Award in 2022. Whereas Frumencio was a legal luminary and community pillar who was licensed in law for more than 50 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Frumencio was a dedicated and true Democrat with a brilliant mind and love for the political arena.

**WHEREAS**, Frumencio Reyes Jr. was truly a great American, Texan, husband, father, son, mentor, civil rights activist, and Attorney;

**WHEREAS** Frumencio Reyes Jr. passed away on December 6, 2023 in Houston, TX.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Democratic National Committee honors, Frumencio Reyes Jr. for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to his family, friends, and all Texans.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

Steve Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

David O'Brien/MA

Karen Payne/MA

Mel Poindexter/MA

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Work of Agnes A. Ricko*

**WHEREAS**, Agnes Ricko, a political powerhouse in the city of Lynn and the state of Massachusetts was the daughter of the late Anthony and Pota Anthonakes. She attended Lynn Public Schools and received her bachelor's degree in early childhood education; and

**WHEREAS**, Agnes was married to the late Alfred Ricko for 62 years with whom she had two sons, Alfred and Anthony; and

**WHEREAS**, Agnes began her career as an elementary school teacher in Lynn where she demonstrated unparalleled devotion to her students, often forming lifelong friendships; and

**WHEREAS**, Agnes Ricko served on the Lynn Democratic City Committee for 52 years both as a member and Chairperson and also served on the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee from 1988 until her death on October 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Agnes became the Director of Beautification for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation under Governor Michael Dukakis; and

**WHEREAS**, Agnes also served as a community liaison for Massport and served as the Chief of Staff for the former Mayor of Lynn, Patrick McManus; and

**WHEREAS**, Agnes was elected as a delegate to three National Conventions and to numerous State Conventions; and

**WHEREAS**, Agnes devoted more than five decades to local state and national political causes, she became the recipient of numerous awards, including the first non-elected official to receive the prestigious Roosevelt Award for outstanding commitment to furthering the ideals of the Democratic Party and the Sally Chase Hacker Award for her lifelong dedication to Lynn Community Service; and

**WHEREAS**, Agnes was a remarkable leader, a community activist, a fierce campaigner, and a mentor for younger politicians; and

**WHEREAS**, The two most important aspects of Agnes's life were her family and her drive to make a difference in her community;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Democratic National Committee honors Agnes A. Ricko for her contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers condolences to her family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Hendrell Remus/Chair/TN

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Jim Sasser*

**WHEREAS**, James Ralph Sasser was born in Memphis, Tennessee on September 30, 1936; and

**WHEREAS**, attended the Vanderbilt University and earned a Bachelor's degree in 1958 and Juris Doctor degree in 1961, and

**WHEREAS**, he served the Nation in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from 1957 to 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as a lawyer in Nashville for more than 15 years; and

**WHEREAS**, he chaired the Tennessee Democratic Party from 1973 up until he was elected to the U.S. Senate to represent his home state in 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, during his three terms in the Senate, he served as Chairman of the U.S. Senate Budget Committee, and championed several affirmative action programs, foreign aid reforms, and collaborated with senate colleagues from both parties to pass fiscal reform measures that eliminated federal deficit for the first time in a generation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995 he was appointed as U.S. Ambassador to China, and served as an effective ambassador who strengthened U.S.-China relations in the economic and political realms; and

**WHEREAS**, many politicians, lawyers and foreign officers appoint him as the best U.S. Ambassador to China in history, as he strengthened collaboration between the two countries despite differences, and

**WHEREAS**, after retiring as an Ambassador in 2001, he worked as a business consultant; and

**WHEREAS**, he spent his last professional years as a professor George Washington University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Sasser was a democratic activist, senator, advisor, educator and public servant who bridged divisions and set an example for the next generation of leaders; and



**WHEREAS**, Jim Sasser passed away on September 10, 2024, at age 87;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Jim Sasser for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party offers condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Karen Payne/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Steve Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Deb Kozikowski/VICE Chair/MA

David, O'Brien/MA

Melvin Poindexter/MA

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Sarah-Ann Shaw*

**WHEREAS;** Sarah-Ann King was born to Norris and Annie Bomar King, on November 6, 1933, in Boston, Massachusetts, and passed away there on March 21, 2024, at age 90. She married Donald Melvin (Kwame) Shaw in 1958, together they lovingly raised their daughter, Klare Elise Shaw; and

**WHEREAS;** Sarah-Ann graduated from Boston's Girls Latin School and after graduation, briefly attended Boston University. A lifelong learner, she received honorary degrees from Simmons University and Mount Ida College, and induction into the halls of fame of the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), as well as a lifetime achievement award from the National Association of Black Journalists in 1998; and

**WHEREAS;** Sarah-Ann participated in the NAACP Youth Council as a young adult which fueled her civic activism. The group met at the League of Women for Community Service at 558 Massachusetts Ave where she was later a board President. She also received the Thurgood Marshall Lifetime Achievement Award from the Boston branch of the NAACP in 2019;and

**WHEREAS;** in the early 1960s, Sarah-Ann became leader of the Boston branch of the Northern Student Movement (NSM), an important arm of the Civil Rights Movement. Under her guidance, NSM focused on civil rights, public education, fair housing, and equal employment; and

**WHEREAS;** Sarah-Ann thrived on arts and culture and learned to dance from Ms. Elma Lewis. As a host of Say Brother, and her own show Mzizi Roots on WBZ-TV that focused on African-American culture and current affairs, Sarah-Ann highlighted dozens of local and national artists; and

**WHEREAS;** Sarah-Ann worked at Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) and helped develop the neighborhood Area Planning Action Councils. Her knowledge of local issues and disinvestment in Black communities led to an invitation to contribute to a national TV show. This led to an opportunity to join “Say Brother,” later renamed “Basic Black” -- one of the longest-running local Black shows; and

**WHEREAS;** in 1969, Sarah-Ann became the first Black female TV reporter in Boston. She was one of the city’s most prominent reporters holding that position for 31 years until retirement, she worked on important issues and pushed for equity in every neighborhood of the city; and

**WHEREAS;** Sarah-Ann was the co-founder of the Boston Association of Black Journalists which honored her with an achievement award in 1993; and

**WHEREAS;** Sarah-Ann in 2023, was an inductee to the “1965 Freedom Plaza” that surrounds “The Embrace” sculpture on the Boston Common in recognition of her civil rights and media contributions. Also in 2023, the Oscar Micheaux Family Theater gave her one of its First Marian Anderson Women’s Tribute awards; and

**WHEREAS;** Sarah-Ann was an active member of the Ward 12 Boston Democratic Committee and an elected member of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee where she was committed to diversity, voter registration and turnout, and civic education;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Democratic National Committee honors Sarah-Ann Shaw for her contributions to our country and the Democratic Party, and offers its condolences to her family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Martha McDevitt-Pugh/Chair/DA

Co-Sponsored by:

Sue Alksnis/DA

Kenton Barnes/DA

Julia Bryan/DA

Alan Cheilek/DA

Cory Lemke/DA

Steve Nardi/Vice Chair/DA

Art Schankler/DA

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*Resolution Honoring the Life of Kenneth E. Sherman*

**WHEREAS**, Ken Sherman dedicated his life to political activism and peace, and was a steadfast leader and dedicated member of Democrats Abroad for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Sherman served as International Chair to Democrats Abroad from 2011 to 2013 and International Vice Chair from 2013 to 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Sherman, as Chair and Vice Chair of Democrats Abroad, and later as an elected Democratic National Committee member, was deeply engaged in the DNC and an active member of the Eastern regional caucus; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Sherman served as Chair of Democrats Abroad Canada between 2009-2011 and as Canada Vice Chair between 2007-2009, co-founding the Hamilton-Burlington Chapter of Democrats Abroad Canada, of which he served as Chair between 2007-2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Sherman served as co-founder and Vice Chair of the Democrats Abroad Global Disability Caucus; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Sherman served as a respected leader in the anti-Vietnam war movement and local activism wherever he resided, was a Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, and was the founder and the first Executive Director of the Western New York Peace Center in Buffalo, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Sherman provided services to start and operate eight not-for-profit organizations in western New York, helping these organizations achieve sustainability while addressing the needs of vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Sherman served on his church refugee committee by helping many refugees settle in Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Sherman provided invaluable guidance, mentorship, and leadership to many volunteers and leaders advancing justice, peace and democracy, fostering new generations of leaders in Canada and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken Sherman was a calm, steady and unifying voice throughout Democrats Abroad, offering stability and support during both challenging and triumphant times;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee expresses its deepest gratitude and admiration for Ken Sherman's extraordinary service and unwavering commitment to the Democratic Party and to the causes of peace, community and environmental stewardship. His legacy of leadership, generosity, enthusiasm and deep commitment to peace and justice will continue to inspire members of Democrats Abroad and others for years to come.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Congressman John Spratt*

**WHEREAS**, John Spratt was born in Charlotte, North Carolina on November 1, 1942; and

**WHEREAS**, he attended Davidson College, was a Marshall Scholar at the University of Oxford, and earned a law degree from Yale; and

**WHEREAS**, he served the Nation in the U.S. Army from 1969-71, and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1983, he began representing South Carolina’s 5th District in Congress, and served in this role until 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time in Congress, he served as chairman of the House Budget Committee and the second-highest ranking Democrat on the Armed Services Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, while he served as ranking member of the House Budget Committee, he helped write the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Spratt was a champion for South Carolina, including working to settle the Catawba Indian Land claim and helping secure more than \$120 million in building projects for Shaw Air Force Base; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1997, Spratt received the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, Davidson College, and served on the Board of Trustees, the Board of Visitors and the William H. Terry Scholarship Board of Advisors; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, he established the John M. Spratt Jr. Scholarship at Davidson to support students from the South Carolina district he represented; and

**WHEREAS**, Spratt was a leader, dedicated to his district and determined to work across the aisle for bipartisan change; and

**WHEREAS**, John Spratt passed away on December 14, 2024, at age 82;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Democratic National Committee honors John Spratt for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party offers condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Deb Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Kim Driscoll/MA

Deb Goldberg/MA

Edward Kelly/MA

Steve Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Karen Payne/MA

Melvin Poindexter/MA

Jim Roosevelt/MA

*Resolution Honoring the Memory of Susan Thompson*

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Democratic National Committee and the Massachusetts Democratic Party were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and colleague Susan Thomson, an exemplary public servant and human being; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Thomson served two terms as Democratic National Committeewoman, representing Massachusetts as an outstanding and well respected member of the Democratic National Committee. Susan also earned lifetime membership status at the Massachusetts Democratic Party, as well as served as Executive Director; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Thomson was appointed Secretary of Elder Affairs by Governor Deval Patrick to provide transition leadership and support for a new administration. This position of trust followed more than two years service as Assistant Secretary of Policy and Program Development, preceded by six years service as Chief of Staff for the Executive Office of Elder Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Thomson was a proud graduate of Suffolk University, earning her bachelor's degree in Business Management and Finance; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Thomson made history as the first woman president of the Electoral College from Massachusetts. Susan presided over the proceedings in 2004 on behalf of Massachusetts' voters choice of John Kerry for President of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Thomson was recognized as a compassionate and enthusiastic community leader. Susan was active in Zonta International and received the Malden Zonta "Women Making a Difference Award" for her dedicated service. She was honored by the Malden YWCA with an "Unsung Hero Award", and the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus "Leadership Award".

**WHEREAS**, Susan Thomson's outgoing personality, sense of humor, infectious laugh, and loving spirit of true dedication to public service made her a beloved friend and respected figure



throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in New England and to her many, many friends from every corner of our great nation; and

**WHEREAS**, we would be remiss in our fond remembrance of Susan Thomson if we failed to list her favorite things. Singing during long drives, encouraging travel companions to do the same, shopping at the Hallmark Store for goofy gifts and stuffed animals for any occasion, her Betty Boop collection, and closet full of sparkly tunics and tops. Susan loved cooking for friends and family, enjoyed a good steakhouse dinner, winning elections and winning elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan's passing leaves a void that will be difficult to fill;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee;

1. celebrates Susan Thomson and her lifetime of tireless commitment and outstanding service to the Democratic Party, and her community, and
2. honors the memory of Susan Thomson, and expresses our condolences to the Thomson family on her passing.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

Submitted by: David O'Brien/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Steve Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Deb Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

Karen Payne/MA

Melvin Poindexter/MA

Jim Roosevelt/MA

Jason Rae/DNC Secretary/WI

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of John E. Walsh*

**WHEREAS**, John Edward Walsh was born on April 14, 1958, and passed away on November 20, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, John's parents were both Irish immigrants, he grew up in Abington, Massachusetts, where he served on the finance committee and as a selectman for a decade; and

**WHEREAS**, John graduated from Princeton University, where he was captain of the freshman football team and an offensive lineman, serving as president of his own insurance agency; and

**WHEREAS**, John is the beloved husband of Donna M. (Akins) Walsh. Loving father of Coleman J. Walsh and his wife Rebecca Walsh; and

**WHEREAS**, John served as the campaign manager for first-time candidate Deval Patrick for Governor, giving Massachusetts its first Black governor, in the process John pioneered relational organizing, by meeting people where they are and talking to them face to face and hearing what matters in their lives, and created a campaign template Barack Obama would build upon for his winning 2008 presidential campaign. President Obama called John's life an example of the kind of life and leadership we should all aspire to; and

**WHEREAS**, John was twice elected as Chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, where he served from 2007-2013, where he oversaw victories in Congress, attorney general, and down-ballot offices, including numerous/ women and people of color; and

**WHEREAS**, John's legacy is the countless number of young people he mentored brought into public service, he inspired and empowered a new generation of leaders and organizers with his idealism, wisdom, and humanity;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Democratic National Committee honors John E. Walsh for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to his family and friends.