



## Report of the Resolutions Committee

The DNC Resolutions Committee met on October 5, 2023, to consider resolutions submitted pursuant to Article Two, Section 10(c)(ii) of the Bylaws of the Democratic Party. The following Resolutions are recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023 (Sponsor(s) listed on Resolutions):

1. Resolution Celebrating President Biden's Historic First Term
2. Resolution in Support of Bidenomics and President Biden's Historic Economic Agenda
3. Resolution Commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month
4. Resolution in Support of President Biden's Ambitious Climate Agenda
5. Resolution in Support of Reproductive Rights
6. Resolution in Support of Gun Violence Prevention
7. Resolution in Support of Protecting Our Right to Vote
8. Resolution Celebrating the American Worker and Labor
9. Resolution in Support of Student Loan Forgiveness
10. Resolution Commending President Biden and Democrats for Lowering Prescription Drug Costs
11. Resolution Supporting the Equal Rights Amendment
12. Resolution in Support of President Biden, NATO, and Ukraine
13. Resolution to Reinstate the Biden Child Tax Credit and Make It Permanent
14. Resolution Supporting the Accessibility and Affordability of High-Quality Education for All Students
15. Resolution Regarding the Support of First Amendment Rights and Public Libraries
16. Resolution on Reporting of Cruel and Inhumane Tactics Being Used by State Officers at the Texas Border
17. Resolution Regarding Deadnaming of Transgender and Nonbinary Persons
18. Resolution to Protect and Expand a Free and Open Internet
19. Resolution Regarding Dark Money
20. Resolution Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of the National Democratic Ethnic Coordinating Committee and Reaffirming Its Goals
21. Resolution to Eliminate Child Marriage

### *Commemorative Resolutions*

- C-1. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Jerry Apodaca
- C-2. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Jennie Lou Blackton
- C-3. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Bill Bradbury
- C-4. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Ada Deer
- C-5. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Thomas Reilly Donahue Jr.
- C-6. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Brian J. Donnelly
- C-7. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Daniel Ellsberg
- C-8. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Joe Garcia
- C-9. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Roy Herron
- C-10. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Aleita Huguenin
- C-11. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Joseph Eugene Kernan III
- C-12. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Mel Herbert King
- C-13. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Gloria Molina
- C-14. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of John W. Olver
- C-15. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Isabel "Belle" Ortiz
- C-16. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Daniel Payne
- C-17. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of John L. Reed
- C-18. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Bill Richardson
- C-19. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Randall Robinson
- C-20. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Patricia Schroeder

- C-21. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Randy Seiler
- C-22. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Charlie Stenholm
- C-23. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Jesse Tafalla Jr.
- C-24. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Sandra Sue Tenorio
- C-25. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of David Van Os
- C-26. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Eugene "Buzzy" Peltola Jr.
- C-27. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Peg Yorkin
- C-28. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Dick Clark\*
- C-29. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Thomas Michael Conway\*
- C-30. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Dianne Feinstein\*
- C-31. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of David Mack\*
- C-32. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of John L. Scott\*
- C-33. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Bill Spriggs\*
- C-34. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Mike Williams\*

\* Resolution was considered as an urgent timely resolution by the Resolutions Committee.

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***Resolution Celebrating President Biden's Historic First Term***

**WHEREAS**, President Biden and Vice President Harris got to work on day one of their administration to deliver historic results for the American people; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed into law the Inflation Reduction Act, which is lowering the cost of prescription drugs, health care, and energy – all while reducing the federal deficit and finally making big corporations pay their fair share; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden transformed our economy, growing it from the bottom up and middle out, with one of the strongest job-creation periods in American history, a historic stretch of near record-low unemployment, historically low unemployment for Black and Hispanic Americans, annual inflation falling nearly two-thirds since its peak, real wages being higher now than they were before the pandemic, and record number of Americans having health insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed into law the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to make the largest investment in infrastructure improvements in decades, including substantial funding to rebuild roads and bridges, expand high-speed internet access, strengthen supply chains, and

combat the climate crisis – all while creating thousands of good-paying union jobs, and putting America on track to lead the world in the 21st century; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has championed the most ambitious climate agenda in United States history; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed the CHIPS and Science Act into law to lower costs, create American jobs, boost manufacturing, and increase competitiveness with China; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed the PACT Act into law to ensure veterans exposed to toxic burn pits get the health care benefits they've earned; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden is the first president to bring both parties together to take meaningful action on gun violence in nearly 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed the Respect for Marriage Act into law to protect the fundamental right to marriage for all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has taken executive action to protect reproductive rights and expand access to high-quality contraception; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden continues to restore America's standing on the world stage by strengthening our alliances and leading the charge for democracy around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has approved more than \$117 billion in student loan debt cancellation for 3.4 million Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden is taking action to lower the cost of childcare for working families; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has rallied the world in defense of Ukraine in response to Putin's unwarranted aggression; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has pardoned all prior federal offenses of simple marijuana possession and has initiated the process to review how marijuana is scheduled under federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has delivered criminal justice reforms to improve prison conditions and help people get back on their feet after incarceration, strengthen public safety and public trust, and advance equity and racial justice in policing; and

**WHEREAS**, this White House has also made history by appointing Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson as the first Black woman on the Supreme Court, and has earned confirmation of women and people of color to federal courts at a record pace; and

**WHEREAS**, this historic agenda and record of delivering for the American people led President Biden and Democrats to defy the odds and have one of the best midterms for a sitting president's party in recent history;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in their first term, the Biden-Harris administration has delivered results for American families including historic job growth, historically low unemployment, an American manufacturing boom, and is lowering costs on energy bills, prescription drugs, and more; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that American people have made clear that they stand with President Biden, Vice President Harris, and Democrats in fighting for economic opportunity, democracy, reproductive justice, environmental justice, and have rejected the extreme MAGA agenda put forth by Republicans; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee expresses our full and complete support for President Biden's agenda focusing on delivering results on the issues that matter most to the American people.

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*Resolution in Support of Bidenomics and President Biden's Historic Economic Agenda*

**WHEREAS**, President Biden transformed our economy with one of the strongest job-creation periods in American history, a historic stretch of near record low unemployment, historically low unemployment for Black and Hispanic Americans, annual inflation falling nearly two-thirds since its peak, real wages being higher now than they were before the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Bidenomics is turning the page on decades of failed-trickle down economic policies that benefited wealthy donors and special interest groups at the expense of working families left behind; and

**WHEREAS**, Bidenomics is rebuilding the economy from the bottom up and the middle out - not the top down; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States is making more in America as companies reinvest in American manufacturing, creating over 800,000 manufacturing jobs with a historic \$500 billion in private investments in manufacturing and clean energy; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed into law the Inflation Reduction Act, which is lowering the cost of prescription drugs, health care, and energy - all while reducing the federal deficit and finally making big corporations pay their fair share; and

**WHEREAS**, congressional Democrats passed the president's American Rescue Plan – without a single Republican vote – which helped recover all the jobs lost in the pandemic, reopen schools, and put the worst of COVID-19 behind us; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed the CHIPS and Science Act into law to lower costs, create American jobs, and increase competitiveness with China; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden reached across the aisle to avoid a catastrophic default and maintained the full faith and credit of the United States;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in just two and a half years the Biden-Harris economic agenda has delivered results for American families including historic job growth, historically low unemployment, an American manufacturing boom, and is lowering costs of energy bills, prescription drugs, and more; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee expresses our full and complete support for President Biden and Vice President Harris's historic economic agenda that is expanding economic opportunity for all Americans.

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***Resolution Commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month***

**WHEREAS**, September 15 through October 15 is recognized throughout the United States as Hispanic Heritage Month to honor the culture, heritage, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States is a country built by immigrants and natural born citizens of Latino descent who came to this country in support of our shared ideals of freedom, liberty, and equality for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Latinos have left an indelible mark on the cultural fabric and history of nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Latinos have been and continue to be one of the most powerful forces in our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats are committed to fighting to make sure that the voices of all Hispanic and Latino Americans are heard, valued, and uplifted in our party and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden-Harris administration has delivered historic progress for the Latino community, including near historic low unemployment for Latinos, better access to affordable health care, a historic number of Latino judges appointed to the judiciary, and so much more; and



**WHEREAS**, President Biden's agenda has helped lead to the fastest creation rate of Hispanic-owned businesses in more than a decade and is beginning to close the digital divide for Latino families, with funding and a commitment to connect every person in America to reliable, affordable, high-speed internet by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, while MAGA Republicans fight for tax giveaways for the rich, higher health care costs, and offer no real solutions to fix a broken immigration system, President Biden is committed to expanding economic opportunity for Hispanic and Latino Americans, protecting our hard-won freedoms, and reforming our broken immigration system;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee commemorates September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we affirm that the Biden-Harris administration is keeping their promise to deliver real and lasting change and continues to work each day to deliver equitable outcomes and opportunity for Hispanic and Latino Americans.

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*Resolution in Support of President Biden's Ambitious Climate Agenda*

**WHEREAS**, the Biden-Harris administration has done far more to address the climate crisis and environmental injustice than any other administration in our nation's history, including rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement, creating the first-ever National Climate Task Force, establishing the first-ever White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council and White House Office of Environmental Justice, creating a new initiative to deploy and distribute energy resources in disadvantaged communities, advancing clean domestic manufacturing, and rallying more than 100 countries to join the Global Methane Pledge to reduce emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act, the most significant legislative action in United States history to invest in climate solutions, clean energy, and environmental justice, with investments in clean energy and climate creating more than 170,000 new jobs since it was signed into law; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed into law the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to make the largest investment in infrastructure improvements in decades, including substantial funding to combat the climate crisis - all while creating thousands of good-paying union jobs, and putting America on track to lead the world in the 21st century; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden and Vice President Harris have earned the first ever joint presidential endorsement of four leading environmental and climate organizations: the League

of Conservation Voters (LCV) Action Fund, NextGen PAC, NRDC Action Fund, and the Sierra Club; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has announced billions in funding to strengthen global food security and understands the effect the deepening climate crisis has on food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, communities of color bear a disproportionate amount of the social and environmental harm of pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden believes we must not only act urgently to address the climate crisis, but to also invest in clean energy jobs for a better future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden administration launched the American Climate Corps to mobilize the next generation of clean energy, conservation, and resilience workers – putting them to work conserving and restoring our lands and waters, bolstering community resilience, deploying clean energy technologies, and advancing environmental justice, while creating pathways to good-paying clean energy and climate resilience jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden-Harris administration has made historic investments to build community climate resilience including investing in climate resilience and adaptation, enhancing drought resilience across the West, combating the threat of wildfires, protecting communities from extreme heat, reducing flood risks for households and communities, promoting climate-smart buildings and infrastructure, and incorporating climate risk into decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, Republicans refuse to take action against the climate crisis and threaten to repeal key provisions of President Biden’s historic climate agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald Trump called climate change a “hoax,” Mike Pence has downplayed its impact, and Ron DeSantis has tried to avoid talking about it entirely as Florida suffers some of the greatest natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, none of the MAGA Republicans running for president have offered solutions to combat increasingly common and severe weather events; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden continues to deliver on the most ambitious climate agenda in American history which is lowering energy costs for hardworking families, bolstering America’s energy security, creating thousands of good-paying union jobs, and strengthening community-driven climate resilience across the country, and more;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee reaffirms its commitment to protecting our planet, creating good-paying union jobs, making our country more climate resilient, and advancing environmental equity across the United States; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, polluters should be held responsible for meeting strong standards to protect our environment and local government decisions about energy production and environmental protection should not be preempted.

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### ***Resolution in Support of Reproductive Rights***

**WHEREAS**, President Biden and Vice President Harris stand with the majority of Americans who believe the right to choose is fundamental; and

**WHEREAS**, since day one, President Biden has made clear that the only way to ensure women in every state have access to abortion is for Congress to pass a law restoring the protections of *Roe v. Wade*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden-Harris administration has taken executive action to safeguard access to reproductive health care services, including abortion and contraception, protect the privacy of patients and their access to accurate information, promote the safety and security of patients, providers, and clinics, and coordinate the implementation of federal efforts to protect reproductive rights and access to health care; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden and Vice President Harris believe contraception is an essential component of reproductive care and have also taken action to strengthen access to affordable, high-quality contraception; and

**WHEREAS**, Vice President Harris has been leading the administration's response and fight to protect reproductive rights, meeting with advocates, doctors, and women across over 20 states and close to 50 meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, while every 2024 Republican presidential candidate is running on an extreme anti-choice record, President Biden is continuing to fight for reproductive justice and has promised to veto any national abortion bans passed by Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden and Vice President Harris have earned the presidential endorsement of four leading reproductive justice and women's organizations: Planned Parenthood Action Fund, NARAL Pro-Choice America, EMILY's List, and the National Organization for Women PAC;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, that the Democratic National Committee reaffirms its commitment to fighting for reproductive justice and protecting the hard-won freedoms of women; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, that the Democratic National Committee remains resolute in its support for passing legislation that codifies the protections of *Roe v. Wade* into law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, we commend the Biden-Harris administration for their commitment to fighting to protect a women's right to choose and expanding access to reproductive health care, including high-quality contraception for women living across the country.

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*Resolution in Support of Gun Violence Prevention*

**WHEREAS**, there have been hundreds of deadly mass shootings since the beginning of the year; and

**WHEREAS**, we join families across this country in grieving the deeply painful loss of loved ones due to gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that people should not be afraid to go to work, attend schools or places of worship, the movie theaters, or simply walking down the street; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats believe now is the time for action and we must put an end to this senseless gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress can take action on reasonable gun safety laws, while also respecting the Second Amendment of our Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has made historic progress to reduce gun violence with more executive action than any other president at this point in their administration; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to relentless gun violence survivor advocates, Congress passed and President Biden signed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act - the first significant federal gun safety legislation in nearly 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden prioritized our children and our safety over the gun lobby and signed an executive order to increase the number of background checks conducted before firearm purchases, increase appropriate use of red flag orders and safe storage of firearms, address the loss or theft of firearms during shipping, hold the gun industry accountable; and

**WHEREAS**, the MAGA Republicans running for president continue to prioritize the gun lobby over protecting our children and keeping our communities safe; and

**WHEREAS**, last year House Democrats passed a bill to ban assault-style weapons, as well as legislation raising the age to purchase semi-automatic weapons to 21 — both of which were filibustered by the gun lobby in the Senate — and similar legislation has been reintroduced by Democrats in both houses this year; and

**WHEREAS**, after Republicans let the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban, which the original passage was led by then-Senator Biden, expire, mass shootings tripled;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Democrats mourn the loss of Americans from recent mass shootings and join President Biden in calling for Congress to take further action, including by banning assault weapons to ensure all Americans can live freely without the fear of senseless gun violence.



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***Resolution in Support of Protecting Our Right to Vote***

**WHEREAS**, President Biden and Democrats recognize that the right to vote, and to have one's vote counted, are bedrock principles of our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, since their first days in office, President Biden and Vice President Harris have prioritized strengthening our democracy and protecting the sacred right to vote in free, fair, and secure elections; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden and Vice President Harris have mobilized the entire federal government to strengthen our democracy and protect voters from suppression and subversion; and

**WHEREAS**, Republican-controlled state legislatures across the country have passed laws making unprecedented attacks that make it harder to vote, and conservative majority Supreme Court rulings have rolled back protections for voting; and

**WHEREAS**, Republicans have made concerted efforts to make it more difficult for voters, particularly in communities of color, to have their voices heard; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden, Vice President Harris, and Democrats have fought to pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to fight back against these attacks on voting rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Terri Sewell has reintroduced the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and President Biden has vowed to sign it into law if passed by Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the president has signed an executive order to direct an all-of-government effort to promote access to voting, including directing federal agencies to make the voting process smoother and more accessible for every eligible American; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden and Vice President Harris have appointed leaders to the Department of Justice with expertise in defending voting rights and doubled the department's Civil Rights Division staff to protect the voting rights of all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, as Republican actors have repeatedly proclaimed their intent to make voting more difficult, the Democratic National Committee has prepared and invested in its largest voter protection program to protect voters against their efforts;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee echoes President Biden in calling upon Congress to take action to protect the right to vote by passing the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee joins President Biden in reaffirming our commitment to championing the cause of democracy, protecting the sacred right to vote and the sanctity of our elections, and defending our electoral process.

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***Resolution Celebrating the American Worker and Labor***

**WHEREAS**, labor unions are critical to raising wages, fighting income inequality, and protecting the dignity and safety of working Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans deserve an economy that works for everyone, not just for corporations and those at the very top; and

**WHEREAS**, President Joe Biden and the Democratic National Committee know that the middle class built America, and labor unions built the middle class; and

**WHEREAS**, President Joe Biden has kept his promise to the American people to be the most pro-union president in the history of our nation as demonstrated by being the first president to join a picket line; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of the Biden-Harris administration, all workers, including those who are often left behind in recoveries, are experiencing historically low unemployment rates; and

**WHEREAS**, support for unions is near its highest level in more than half a century, inflation-adjusted wages are up over the last year, and the largest wage gains have gone to the lowest-paid workers; and

**WHEREAS**, under Bidenomics, America is seeing a historic level of public and private investment in manufacturing and new industries that will create good-paying union jobs that Americans can raise a family on and build a community around; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has said that “Over the past decade auto companies have seen record profits, including over the last few years because of the extraordinary skill and sacrifice of the UAW workers,” and “Those record profits have not been shared fairly, in my view, with those workers;” and

**WHEREAS**, workers have the right to strike, and all workers, including writers and actors like those in SAG-AFTRA, autoworkers like those in UAW, and hotel workers like those in UNITE-HERE!, deserve fair pay and benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Protecting the Right to Organize Act (PRO Act) would help protect and embolden workers’ ability to collectively bargain;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Democratic National Committee supports efforts to restore a fair economy for American workers, protect the right to collectively bargain and strike, and punish those who violate workers’ rights; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Democratic National Committee remains resolute in our commitment to being on the side of the American worker, and strongly urges Congress to pass the PRO Act.

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*Resolution in Support of Student Loan Forgiveness*

**WHEREAS**, President Biden ran on a commitment to extend a helping hand to the millions of Americans struggling with unmanageable student loan debt and from day one in office has been working to fix the broken student loan system and make college more affordable; and

**WHEREAS**, no president has fought harder for student debt relief than President Biden; and

**WHEREAS**, in the last year, we've seen Republicans try to block student loan forgiveness – even as many of them had their PPP loans forgiven – but President Biden and Vice President Harris didn't allow their obstruction to stop them from providing historic student loan debt relief; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden administration has approved more than \$117 billion in student loan debt cancelation for 3.4 million Americans, including \$45.7 billion for 662,000 public service workers, \$10.5 billion for 491,000 borrowers who have a total and permanent disability, and \$22 billion for nearly 1.3 million borrowers who were cheated by their schools, saw their schools precipitously close, or are covered by related court settlements; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has also achieved the largest increases in Pell Grants in over a decade to help families who earn less than roughly \$60,000 per year, fixed the Public Service

Loan Forgiveness program so borrowers who go into public service get the debt relief they are entitled to, and announced that it is pursuing an alternative path to deliver debt relief to as many student loan borrowers as possible, as quickly as possible in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision on the administration's student debt relief plan; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has fought to make the student loan system more manageable for current and future borrowers by launching the SAVE plan, which is the most affordable student loan repayment plan ever; and

**WHEREAS**, the SAVE Plan will cut payments on undergraduate loans in half, bring many borrowers' loan payments to \$0 per month, provide early forgiveness for low-balance borrowers, and put an end to runaway interest;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Democratic Party commends the Biden-Harris administration for keeping their promise to fix the broken student loan system and make college more affordable for all Americans.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

Co-Sponsored by:

Josh Coleman/AL

Michael White/MP

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Michelle Risher/OR

Christopher Lowe/NY

Marge Hoffa/Vice Chair/MN

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Ada Briceño/CA

Quentin Wathum-Ocama/MN

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Adrienne George/DA

Andre Treiber/TX

Yvette Lewis/Chair/MD

Annika Krovi/SC

Henry Pahlow/WI

Celina Vasquez/TX

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Leonard Aguilar/TX

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*Resolution Commending President Biden and Democrats for Lowering Prescription Drug Costs*

**WHEREAS**, for decades, Americans have paid more for prescription drugs than any other major economy; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden ran on a commitment to lowering prescription drug costs for seniors and working families; and

**WHEREAS**, while President Biden and Vice President Harris work to lower costs for families, MAGA Republicans are in the pocket of Big Pharma, putting their profits over working families; and

**WHEREAS**, not a single Republican voted in favor of historic legislation to lower prescription drug costs, President Biden and Democrats stood up to Big Pharma and special interests and passed the historic Inflation Reduction Act to extend a helping hand to working families by lowering the cost of prescription drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the Inflation Reduction Act, Medicare has selected the first ten drugs for price negotiations; and

**WHEREAS**, the millions of Americans who depend on these vital drugs to treat serious conditions such as diabetes, cancer, and heart failure will begin paying less for their prescriptions; and

**WHEREAS**, Medicare drug price negotiation will result in lower out-of-pocket costs for seniors and will save money for American taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden-Harris administration and Democrats, without the help of a single Republican, have delivered historic results in the fight to lower prescription drug costs for seniors by capping the price of insulin at \$35 and out-of-pocket prescription drug costs at \$2,000 a year; and

**WHEREAS**, the largest manufacturers of insulin heeded President Biden's call to cap the out-of-pocket costs of insulin at \$35 for all Americans;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Democratic National Committee reaffirms our commitment to fighting to lower prescription drug and health care costs so that no one has to choose between getting the health care they need or putting food on the table.



The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

Co-Sponsored by:

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Jason Rae/DNC Secretary/WI

Josh Coleman/AL

Michael Kapp/CA

Keith Umemoto/CA

Michelle Risher/OR

Christopher Lowe/NY

Marge Hoffa/Vice Chair/MN

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Quentin Wathum-Ocama/MN

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Adrienne George/DA

Aliah Rowe/AR

Andre Treiber/TX

Annika Krovi/SC

Henry Pahlow/WI

Celina Vasquez/TX

Matt Hughes/NC

Donna Soucy/NH

Travis Nelson/OR

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Carolyn Fowler/CA

Leonard Aguilar/TX

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***Resolution Supporting the Equal Rights Amendment***

**WHEREAS**, 2023 marks the centennial of the introduction of the first Equal Rights Amendment into Congress in 1923 and the continued denial of affirmation of an ERA to the United States Constitution guaranteeing equal rights under the law without regard to sex; and

**WHEREAS**, women continue to confront workplace discrimination; wage inequities, health care inequities, higher rates of poverty, rape and domestic violence assaults, a lack of political parity, and other forms of sex-based discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has supported the ERA since he first ran for office and called on Congress to act immediately to pass a resolution recognizing ratification of the ERA; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden and Vice President Harris are fighting to build a nation that affirms and protects women's full equality; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Democrats are fighting for more freedoms and more rights for all Americans, and we will continue to work tirelessly to dismantle the systemic barriers that stand in the way of equal justice under the law for everyone in our country;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee recognizes this historic centennial struggle for civil rights and reaffirms its strong support for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to guarantee that “equal rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: William Owen/TN

Co-Sponsored by:

Josh Coleman/AL

Michael Kapp/CA

Keith Umemoto/CA

Michelle Risher/OR

Marge Hoffa/Vice Chair/MN

Quentin Wathum-Ocama/MN

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Adrienne George/DA

Andre Treiber/TX

Henry Pahlow/WI

Matt Hughes/NC

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Leonard Aguilar/TX

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*Resolution in Support of President Biden, NATO, and Ukraine*

**WHEREAS**, President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and the Biden-Harris administration, have led the way in NATO's response to the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by Vladimir Putin; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1931 China was invaded by its neighbor, and the world powers did nothing to prevent it; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1935 Ethiopia was invaded and the world powers did nothing about it; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1938 Czechoslovakia was invaded by its neighbor and the world powers did nothing about it; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1930s taught us that appeasement only encourages authoritarian aggression;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee continues our strong support for President Biden, and the Biden administration's response to Mr. Putin's aggression.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Christine Pelosi/CA

Co-Sponsored by:

Carolyn Fowler/CA

Josh Coleman/AL

Michael Kapp/CA

Keith Umemoto/CA

Michelle Risher/OR

Marge Hoffa/Vice Chair/MN

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Ada Briceño/CA

Quentin Wathum-Ocama/MN

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Adrienne George/DA

Aliah Rowe/AR

Andre Treiber/TX

Annika Krovi/SC

Henry Pahlow/WI

Celina Vasquez/TX

Matt Hughes/NC

Travis Nelson/OR

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Sandy Opstvedt/IA

Leonard Aguilar/TX

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***Resolution to Reinstate the Biden Child Tax Credit and Make It Permanent***

**WHEREAS**, under the Biden-Harris administration and Democratic majorities in the House and Senate, Democrats delivered the Biden Child Tax Credit which uplifted millions of families in every community in America; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the Biden Child Tax Credit were tangible and robust: it reduced household hunger and food insecurity, injected money into local economies, created jobs, increased consumer spending, bolstered rural communities, helped families afford child care and cut child poverty in half; and

**WHEREAS**, Republicans — who are so extreme in their efforts to ban reproductive freedoms in states across the country that they reportedly want to change their brand to “pro-baby” — actually harmed babies by refusing to extend this pro-baby, pro-family, pro-worker Biden Child Tax Credit and instead plotted a massive tax cut for their billionaire benefactors that will take food out of the mouths of hungry children, increase costs for parents and transfer wealth from workers to the wealthy; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats are among the vast majority of Americans who support reinstatement of this pro-baby, pro-family, anti-poverty measure; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden has pledged to “continue to fight to restore the expanded Child Tax Credit to give tens of millions of families the tax relief and breathing room they deserve;”

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee reaffirms our support for American families and freedoms, urges passage of a budget that reflects our values as a nation, restores the Biden Child Tax Credit and makes it permanent.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Annika Krovi/SC

Co-Sponsored by:

Henry Pahlow/WI

Josh Coleman/AL

Michael Kapp/CA

Michelle Risher/OR

Marge Hoffa/Vice Chair/MN

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Ada Briceño/CA

Quentin Wathum-Ocama/MN

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Adrienne George/DA

Aliah Rowe/AR

Andre Treiber/TX

Matt Hughes/NC

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Carolyn Fowler/CA

Leonard Aguilar/TX

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*Resolution Supporting the Accessibility and Affordability of High-Quality Education for All Students*

**WHEREAS**, promoting a high-quality education for all students is fundamental to the idea of America and to fulfilling our nation's promise; and

**WHEREAS**, attempted book bans and restrictions in schools and public libraries continue to surge, having reached a 21-year high in 2022 according to the American Library Association; and

**WHEREAS**, book bans and restrictions often target the representation of LGBTQ+ communities and communities of color, according to PEN America's Index of School Book Bans; and

**WHEREAS**, diverse and authentic representation in literature and media can improve self-worth within students and increase the quality of education for children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of higher education in America has skyrocketed, saddling our nation with \$1.75 trillion dollars of student loan debt according to Forbes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of our nation's future that our students are able to seek any route of higher education at an affordable price; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden Administration has taken proactive steps in reducing and canceling billions of dollars worth of student loans for millions of Americans through policies such as the Higher Education Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the High School Democrats of America (HSDA) membership includes over ten thousand high school students across the United States who are directly impacted by the restrictions and barriers to high-quality education;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) condemns the banning and restriction of books and educational materials in public schools and libraries and supports the Biden administration's efforts to limit censorship in the classroom; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee commends the Biden Administration for their efforts to make higher education more affordable for millions of Americans; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the DNC is committed to working with the HSDA and other key stakeholders to continue to improve the landscape of American education for young people, educators, parents, and community leaders.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

Stephen Kerrigan/Chair/MA	Carol Fowler/SC	Jeri Shepherd/CO
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Melvin Poindexter/ MA	Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE	Quentin
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David O'Brien,/MA	Grace Diaz/Vice Chair/RI	Samantha Hope Herring/FL
Elaine Kamarck/VA	Jimmy Tickey/Vice Chair/CT	Adrienne George/DA
Karen Payne/MA	Martha Carlson/CT	Aliah Rowe/AR
David Glidden/Chair/VT	John Olsen/CT	David McDonald/WA
Tim Jerman/VT	Susan Swecker/Chair/VA	Andre Treiber/TX
Mary Sullivan/VT	Marc Broklawski/Vice	Yvette Lewis/Chair/MD
Raymond	Chair/VA	Annika Krovi/SC
Buckley/Chair/NH	Dave Leichtman/VA	Henry Pahlow/WI
Martha Fuller Clark/Vice	Elizabeth Guzman/VA	Celina Vasquez/TX
Chair/NH	Donna Brazile/DC	Matt Hughes/NC
William Shaheen/NH	Joseph McNamara/Chair/RI	Travis Nelson/OR
Donna Soucy/NH	Joseph Paolino/RI	Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE
Joanne Dowdell/NH	Larry Cohen/DC	Leonard Aguilar/TX
Yvette Lewis/Chair/MD	Katie Solon/DA	Rachel Campbell/Vice
Belkis Leong-Hong/MD	Christale Spain/Chair/SC	Chair/TN
Alan Clendenin/FL	Bryanta Maxwell/SC	Keith Unemoto/CA
Jane Fleming	Josh Coleman/AL	Bill Owen/TN
Kleeb/Chair/NE	Michael Kapp/CA	
Matt Hughes/NC	Michelle Risher/OR	
Denise Adams/NC	Marge Hoffa/Vice Chair/MN	

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***Resolution Regarding the Support of First Amendment Rights and Public Libraries***

**WHEREAS**, attacks on public libraries and book bans infringe upon first amendment rights;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the DNC has committed in its current platform to free speech and civil liberties;  
and



**WHEREAS**, there have been instances where candidates, elected officials, and allied organizations have extended their attacks on the first amendment by targeting the programming of public libraries, school libraries as well as on the ability of librarians to do their jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, attacks have increasingly manifested themselves in the form of book bans, the use of these tactics are dividing our communities and detracting from civil discourse and public engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, these attacks on the first amendment are unconstitutional and have a negative impact on our personal liberty as well as on our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting public libraries, school libraries, librarians, and the first amendment will strengthen our democracy for future generations and bolster the integrity of our democracy;

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

1. Urges all Democratic Party nominees to publicly support public libraries, school libraries, librarians, community center libraries, and the first amendment; and
2. Supports establishing protocols to publicly support public libraries, school libraries, community center libraries, and librarians and to renounce any attempt to restrict first amendment rights or impose book bans; and
3. Shall communicate the passage of this resolution to all state party affiliates so that they may aid Democratic nominees in their effort to support public libraries.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Celina Vasquez/TX

Co-Sponsored by:

Ashley Cheng/TX

Andre Treiber/TX

Vickie Vogel/TX

Josh Coleman/AL

Michael Kapp/CA

Keith Umemoto/CA

Michelle Risher/OR

Marge Hoffa/Vice Chair/MN

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Ada Briceño/CA

Quentin Wathum-Ocama/MN

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Adrienne George/DA

Aliah Rowe/AR

Andre Treiber/TX

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Leonard Aguilar/TX

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***Resolution on Reporting of Cruel and Inhumane Tactics Being Used by State Officers at the Texas Border***

**WHEREAS**, Greg Abbott reached a new level of depravity earlier this summer with Texas' floating border barriers, intended to deter asylum-seeking migrants with the threat of drowning rather than legal repercussions; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Abbott's approach to border security is not based in reality or humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, already, we've seen fatal outcomes for desperate migrants along the Rio Grande where Greg Abbott and his DPS ordered the buoys to be placed; and

**WHEREAS**, environmentalists raised concerns over the border buoy installation's impact on Rio Grande ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, these buoys will change the way water flows and therefore change the river channel itself. This could cause habitat in and around the river to change and if these buoys become detached they could cause damage to downstream bridges and dams; and

**WHEREAS**, a federal judge in Austin ordered Texas to remove river barriers that the state assembled along a stretch of the U.S.-Mexico border to repel migrants; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the right decision by the federal judge, and we applaud all of our elected officials, activists, and organizations that fought to raise awareness on this issue. The work to strengthen border security does not end here – but it certainly does begin with removing deadly saws and drowning devices designed to harm human beings; and

**WHEREAS**, we wholeheartedly support urgent, holistic reforms to our immigration system to give much-needed relief to our border communities – but violence against migrants is not the answer; and

**WHEREAS**, we desperately need Republicans in Congress to finally put partisan politics aside and work with us in good faith to fix our country's broken immigration system. Operation Lone Star is barbaric, puts National Guardsmen and law enforcement in dangerous situations, and border communities should not be used as collateral damage;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we oppose the inhumane treatment of migrants along the border and urge President Biden and the Justice Department to continue to stand up for migrants along the U.S.-Mexico border and strive for solutions to fix our broken immigration system.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Michelle Risher/OR

Co-Sponsored by:

Travis Nelson/OR

Adrienne George/DA

Matt Keating/OR

Andre Treiber/TX

Josh Coleman/AL

Annika Krovi/SC

Michael Kapp/CA

Henry Pahlow/WI

Marge Hoffa/Vice Chair/MN

Celina Vasquez/TX

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Matt Hughes/NC

Ada Briceño/CA

Travis Nelson/OR

Quentin Wathum-Ocama/MN

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Carolyn Fowler/CA

*Resolution Regarding Deadnaming of Transgender and Nonbinary Persons*

**WHEREAS**, deadnaming is the intentional or accidental use of a name no longer used by transgender or nonbinary persons; and

**WHEREAS**, deadnaming is being codified by state governments, local governments, and school boards as a means to not only discriminate against transgender and gender nonconforming persons, but to deny them the right to exist and the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness guaranteed others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden administration has been steadfast in their support for transgender persons and issued an Executive Order on the day President Biden was sworn into office that recognizes the right of all people to be “treated with respect and dignity” and receive “equal treatment under the law, no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation” and has fought back against numerous state laws attacking transgender persons; and

**WHEREAS**, deadnaming has the potential to cause its victims not only a lack of legal recognition, but to result in harassment, violence, and the loss of employment, housing, social stability, and life; and

**WHEREAS**, deadnaming can lead to mental health issues, including chronic stress, depression, low self-esteem, and suicidal ideations; and

**WHEREAS**, deadnaming by anyone, including family, loved ones, or friends can signal or be interpreted as a lack of respect, support, or care, resulting in profound invalidation at all levels and a feeling of disenfranchisement;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) affirms its commitment to support the rights and legal recognition of transgender and nonbinary persons in taking an unequivocal stand against deadnaming within and without the Democratic Party writ whole; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the DNC brings to bear its leadership and influence in being at the vanguard of transgender and gender nonconforming rights, and highlights the push to codify the “Transgender Bill of Rights,” introduced by Senator Edward Markey of Massachusetts and Representative Pramila Jayapal of Washington.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Jeri Shepherd/CO

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Michael Kapp/CA

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Aliah Rowe/AR

Andre Treiber/TX

Celina Vasquez/TX

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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***Resolution to Protect and Expand a Free and Open Internet***

**WHEREAS**, the last 4 years of the COVID-19 pandemic have shown that Americans rely on reliable and unfettered internet access as a utility now more than ever; and

**WHEREAS**, the news media holds a particularly important role in our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, telecommunications companies and internet service providers are charging higher fees for some internet services and throttling customers on lower-priced plans, reducing, or slowing down access to journalism; and

**WHEREAS**, every American household should have affordable and robust broadband internet; and

**WHEREAS**, many independent journalists and grassroots content providers, including political campaigns, can be buried under algorithms that offer preferential treatment to sensationalism and extremism over the principles of net neutrality and free, open, and equal internet;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee commends President Biden for nominating Anna Gomez and Gigi Sohn to the Federal Communications Commission and continuing to work to reclassify internet service providers under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934, making them common carrier services that could be regulated as utility and subject to price limits; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee affirms our commitment to net neutrality, free and open source software, the right to repair our hardware

devices and software, and a free and fair internet and urge our leaders to pass legislation and rules at the federal and state level that ensure connectivity to legal content on internet platforms is not blocked; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee commends the 117th Congress, Senator Ron Wyden, and all cosponsors for the “Fourth Amendment is Not For Sale Act” (S.1265) and urge our leaders to pass legislation that explicitly protects the privacy and civil rights of American citizens and consumers over corporate profit; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee state parties, and our elected party leaders take strides to consider where free and open source software can be used more in day-to-day operations and research new ways to gain feedback from American citizens and benefit their security.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Jeri Shepherd/CO

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Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Adrienne George/DA

Andre Treiber/TX

Travis Nelson/OR

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*Resolution Regarding Dark Money*

**WHEREAS**, Congress, many state legislatures, and much of the judiciary, are influenced by dark money; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of the United States has given the green light to dark money influences; and

**WHEREAS**, the influence of dark money has resulted in the failure to pass many policies that benefit regular people; and

**WHEREAS**, instead of passing laws that benefit people and communities, legislative bodies pass laws that benefit the donors and recipients of dark money; and

**WHEREAS**, right-wingers like Leonard Leo run deep-pocketed dark money influence operations that influence Congress and other government bodies to create bad policies for everyday working Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the fact we do not know the sources of the dark money means we have no way of ensuring accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, until we have a system that is not dependent on dark money, our planet, our communities, and our people are at risk;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the people, insist and demand that Congress:



1. Work on any and all proposed constitutional amendments that will go beyond merely overturning *Citizens United*, and related decisions like *Buckley v. Valeo*, by eliminating all private financing from federal elections;
2. Pass laws to ensure accountability and transparency; and
3. Implement financing systems that encourage candidates to avoid dark money contributions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that members of the Democratic National Committee encourage all that run for political office to build campaigns that are not dependent on dark money to be viable.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by:  
 Jim Zogby/DC  
 Maureen Pikarski/IL

Co-Sponsored by:

Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC	Marge Hoffa/Vice Chair/MN
Ken Martin/DNC Vice Chair/MN	Jeri Shepherd/CO
Ed Kelly/MA	Ada Briceño/CA
Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA	Samantha Hope Herring/FL
Michael Kapp/CA	Leonard Aguilar/TX
Michelle Risher/OR	

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***Resolution Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the National Democratic Ethnic Coordinating Committee and Reaffirming Its Goals***

**WHEREAS**, the National Democratic Ethnic Coordinating Committee (Ethnic Council) was organized in 1994 with the primary purpose of increasing participation of ethnic Americans in the Democratic Party by ensuring that their voices are heard within the Party at all levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the key objectives of the Council include working to increase the base vote in key states and elections; heightening the visibility of these communities as key constituencies of the Democratic Party; and ensuring that the Democratic Party’s message speaks and resonates with these communities; and

**WHEREAS**, as former DNC Chair Don Fowler said in 1995 when he presented the Ethnic Council to the party for certification: “this Council will help guide the Democratic Party to speak to the common agenda of ethnic Americans, stressing the values of family, community, faith, patriotism, hard work, education, respect for countries of heritage, living the American Dream;” and

**WHEREAS**, these votes are critical to winning elections in key districts of New England, the Mid- Atlantic, and the Midwest, as well as other key congressional districts in the country, and in these same states the communities represented by the Council comprise over one-third of the population;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) recognizes and congratulates the National Democratic Ethnic Council for its 30 years of work; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the DNC reaffirms its commitment to coordinating with the National Democratic Ethnic Council and its constituencies nationally and in targeted states.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Barbara Faison/NC

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Joanne Sullivan/CT

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Michael Kapp/CA

Michelle Risher/OR

Marge Hoffa/Vice Chair/ /MN

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Ada Briceño/CA

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Aliah Rowe/AR

Andre Treiber/TX

Annika Krovi/SC

Henry Pahlow/WI

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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***Resolution to Eliminate Child Marriage***

**WHEREAS**, Child, early, and forced marriage carries a long history of abuse and coercion, and it contributes to the human trafficking challenge, the Democratic National Committee joins with the United Nations 1 in:

“Expressing deep concern that child, early and forced marriage disproportionately affects girls who have had minimal, disrupted, or no access to formal and informal education ...opportunities [that] are directly related to the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and the full enjoyment of all their human rights, women’s employment, and economic opportunities and their full, effective, equal and meaningful participation in economic, social and cultural development, governance and decision-making;” and

**WHEREAS**, In April 2021, the organization Unchained At Last released a groundbreaking study that shows nearly 300,000 children, a few as young as 10, were legally married in the U.S. between 2000 and 2018. The study also shows some 60,000 marriages since 2000 occurred at an age or spousal age difference that should have constituted a sex crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Marriage before the age of 18 years, especially when forced, is a violation of children’s human rights, there is not a single good reason why any (state or federal) government should continue to expose minors to these great harms and abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, “Although advocates have succeeded in getting seven states to ban child marriage with no exceptions, forty-three states still allow marriage under the age of eighteen, and seven

states have no minimum age requirement for marriage so long as there is a parental or judicial waiver”;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee calls upon Congress and all states to pass legislation to eliminate early and forced marriage.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Jessica Velasquez/Chair/NM

Co-Sponsored by:

Josh Coleman/AL

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Jerry Apodaca*

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Apodaca, a running back for the University of New Mexico football team, worked as a high school teacher and coach in Albuquerque before entering the insurance industry in Las Cruces; and

**WHEREAS**, in his 20s, he won election to the state Senate, representing a somewhat conservative area in southern New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, Apodaca served as governor from 1975-79 and as chair of then-President Jimmy Carter's Council on Physical Fitness; and

**WHEREAS**, Apodaca was a force for education reform – his name is now listed across the top of the Santa Fe building that houses the Public Education Department; and

**WHEREAS**, he pushed to reorganize the state government by creating a Cabinet system with about 12 departments. Such a system is still used in New Mexico, though there are currently about 24 Cabinet-level agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Apodaca, the first Hispanic governor in New Mexico's modern history and a fighter for education reform, passed at age 88 on April 26, 2023;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

Co-Sponsored by:

Jason Rae/DNC Secretary/WI

Ken Martin/DNC Vice Chair/MN

Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

Yvette Lewis/Chair/MD

Susan Swecker/Chair/VA

Raymond Buckley/Chair/NH

Lottie Shackelford/AR

Carol Fowler/SC

Artie Blanco/NV

Josh Coleman/AL

Christopher Lowe/NY

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Yvette Lewis/Chair/MD

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Jennie Lou Blackton*

**WHEREAS**, Jennie Blackton was born on September 21, 1943, in New York City, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, she attended the Riverdale Country School, and not long after graduating, was cast in the Broadway production of “Fiddler on the Roof.” Within a few years, Blackton worked on talk shows before, hosting her own shows in New York and Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, soon after the adoption of her first child, James, she began writing for sitcoms, ranging from “One Day At A Time” to “Roseanne.” Eventually, Blackton became a successful senior executive at several major movie studios; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1996, Blackton produced a Broadway play, “The Apple Doesn’t Fall...” before pivoting to become a highly-respected political consultant, with her work often taking her outside of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, for the next 15 years, Blackton worked with 40 state Democratic parties through the Association of State Democratic Committees. As Training Director with Progressive Majority, she recruited, mentored, and trained hundreds of candidates for municipal and state office in nine states; and

**WHEREAS**, for five years, she worked in the Women’s Vote Center of the Democratic National Committee, providing campaign and communications workshops across America; and

**WHEREAS**, on a personal note, Chair Harrison simply adored Jennie and enjoyed working with her when he served as SC Democratic Party Chair to create and produce a must-watch and news-breaking video web series called “Chair Chats” featuring Democratic Party stalwarts like former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Senator Bernie Sanders, former Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn; and

**WHEREAS**, Jennie Blackton passed on June 13, 2023;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Matt Keating/OR

Co-Sponsored by:

Rosa Colquitt/Chair/OR

Kim Schmith/Vice Chair/OR

Travis Nelson/OR

Michelle Risher/OR

Josh Coleman/AL

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Travis Nelson/OR

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Bill Bradbury***

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Bill Bradbury was born on May 29, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Bradbury graduated from the University of Chicago Laboratory High School in 1967; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill attended Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where he studied communications before moving to Oregon in 1969 where he worked as a news reporter, director, and producer in Bandon, Eugene, and Portland; and

**WHEREAS**, representing coastal communities of Coos and Curry counties, Bill Bradbury was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1980. In 1981 Bradbury was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon voters elected Bill Bradbury to serve in the Oregon State Senate in 1984; and

**WHEREAS**, Bradbury was elected by his colleagues to serve as state Senate majority leader in 1986, and state Senate president in 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, Bradbury championed vital environmental protection bills in the Oregon Legislature. Bill developed Oregon's Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP), crafted a relief plan to assist displaced timber workers, and prevented offshore oil drilling off the Oregon Coast; and



**WHEREAS**, Bradbury passed key economic development legislation to establish Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) at Oregon's community colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, when Bradbury left the Oregon Legislature in 1995, he founded For the Sake of the Salmon, a regional nonprofit aimed at restoring salmon stocks and critically important watershed restoration projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor John Kitzhaber appointed Bradbury to be Oregon's 23rd secretary of state in November 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Secretary Bradbury was elected to the office in 2000 and reelected in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Secretary Bradbury oversaw the implementation of Oregon's vote by mail program; and

**WHEREAS**, Secretary Bradbury instituted ORESTAR, an online tracking system of transparently reporting political contributions and financial transactions in the state of Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, Bradbury served as an automatic unpledged delegate for Barack Obama (2008); and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Bradbury – the longest serving and highest ranking official in the U.S. with MS – ran for the Democratic nomination for governor of Oregon in 2010. While Bill lost the primary election to former Governor John Kitzhaber, he earned the endorsements of Vice President Al Gore, Governors Howard Dean and Barbara Roberts; and labor unions such as Oregon Education Association (OEA), the American Federation of Teachers (AFT-Oregon), and the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA); and

**WHEREAS**, Bill continued to inspire and educate following his service in elected office as he presented more than 200 Al Gore-trained, climate-change themed slideshow presentations warning about the existential threat facing our planet; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill was happily married to Katy Eymann, lawyer and daughter of Dick Eymann, former speaker of Oregon's House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill is survived by his wife Katy and his two daughters, Abby and Zoë; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Bradbury's unbridled enthusiasm for electing progressive Democrats, protecting our environment, and advancing forward-thinking ideals was inspiring and contagious; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Bradbury personifies a positive attitude, collaboration, and progressivism; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Bradbury passed away on April 14, 2023, doing what he loved: cruising around the world with his beloved wife Katy;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Secretary Bill Bradbury for his invaluable contributions to Oregon, our democracy, our party, and our planet; the Democratic Party offers our sincere appreciation for his service and our deepest condolences to Bill's family and friends.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Ben Wikler/Chair/WI

Co-Sponsored by:

Jason Rae/DNC Secretary/WI

Josh Coleman/AL

Clara Pratte/AZ

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Rion Ramirez/WA

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Ruth Anna Buffalo/ND

Henry Pahlow/WI

Lottie Shackelford/AR

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Ada Deer*

**WHEREAS**, Ada Elizabeth Deer was born on August 7, 1935, in Keshena, a town on the Menominee Reservation in northern Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Deer graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in social work in 1957 and received her master's degree in the same subject from Columbia University in 1961; and

**WHEREAS**, she came to prominence in the early 1970s, when she moved to Washington, D.C., to help steer the effort to overturn the federal government's policy of "termination" — a series of laws that since the late 1940s had restricted and in some cases eliminated tribal sovereignty in favor of integration within the rest of American society; and

**WHEREAS**, she spent years meeting with representatives and senators, writing briefs and organizing protests. In 1973, President Richard M. Nixon signed the Menominee Restoration Act, and in 1975, the tribe regained its sovereignty. Ms. Deer became its first chairwoman; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Deer ran for office several times, though never successfully. She ran twice for Wisconsin secretary of state and once for Congress, in 1992, losing a high-profile race against a Republican incumbent, Scott Klug, that nevertheless brought her yet another distinction: as the first Native American woman to win a Democratic primary for federal office; and

**WHEREAS**, her campaign got her the attention of the incoming Clinton administration, which, despite her outspoken criticism of Washington, named her assistant secretary of the interior for Indian affairs in 1993, putting her in charge of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, she served as chairwoman of the Menominee tribe until 1976, after which she became a lecturer in American Indian studies at the University of Wisconsin. She ran the program from 2000 until her retirement in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Ada Deer, a member of the Menominee tribe in Wisconsin who was a leading figure in the movement for greater Native American sovereignty since the 1960s, a role she played both as a critic of the federal government and as a top official within it, died on August 15, 2023, in Fitchburg, Wisconsin;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Fred Redmond/DC

Co-Sponsored by:

Ken Martin/DNC Vice Chair/MN

Lottie Shackelford/AR

Stephen Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Carol Fowler/SC

Artie Blanco/NV

Larry Cohen/MD

Josh Coleman/AL

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Thomas Reilly Donahue Jr.***

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Donahue was born on September 4, 1928, in the Bronx, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as a Navy seaman after World War II, graduated from Manhattan College in 1949 with a degree in labor relations, and graduated from Fordham Law School in 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, he was named European labor program coordinator for U.S.-funded Radio Free Europe and the Free Europe Committee in 1957 which brought him in contact with labor activists who had fled the Eastern Bloc; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Donahue led union calls to boycott apartheid-era South Africa, directed the AFL-CIO's support movement for Poland's Solidarity movement in the 1980s, backed efforts to strengthen workers' rights groups in Cuba, and served as chairman of a special advisory panel on labor and diplomacy with secretaries of state Madeleine Albright and Colin Powell; and

**WHEREAS**, he joined the national office of the Building Service Employees International Union in Washington in 1960 and in 1995 stepped in as president of the AFL-CIO; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Donahue was a fierce labor organizer and distinguished himself as a theorist on the future of U.S. organized labor and global competition; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Donahue passed on February 18, 2023;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Brian McGlinchey/DE

Co-Sponsored by:

Stephen Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

David O'Brien/MA

Karen Payne/MA

Melvin Poindexter/MA

James Roosevelt/MA

Lottie Shackelford/AR

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Brian J. Donnelly***

**WHEREAS**, Brian J. Donnelly was born on March 2, 1946, in Boston, Massachusetts, and grew up in the Dorchester neighborhood in a strong, hardworking, Irish American family; and

**WHEREAS**, he served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1973 to 1978, where he quickly gained prestige due to his dedication to public service and commitment to his community; and

**WHEREAS**, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1978, where he represented Massachusetts's 11th Congressional District for 14 years; and

**WHEREAS**, he was named United States ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago in 1994 and served honorably until 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian was a passionate advocate for his district, known for his bipartisan approach to legislating and well-respected by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle; and

**WHEREAS**, he worked to create the Donnelly Visa, which helped many in Ireland to emigrate to the United States and start a new life; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian passed on February 28, 2023;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Jeri Shepherd/CO

Co-Sponsored by:

James Roosevelt/MA

Stephen Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Carol Fowler/SC

Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Larry Cohen/MD

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Daniel Ellsberg*

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Ellsberg copied and leaked the Pentagon Papers to the New York Times and other outlets as an act of conscience; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ellsberg did this even knowing there was a substantial risk to his freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, the release of the Pentagon Papers revealed government lies and malfeasance; and

**WHEREAS**, some believe the release of the Pentagon Papers hastened the end of an illegal and immoral war in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry Kissinger referred to Daniel Ellsberg as “the most dangerous man in America”; and

**WHEREAS**, the charges against Daniel Ellsberg were dismissed due to governmental misconduct; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Ellsberg was a principled opponent of war and nuclear weapons; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Ellsberg supported other whistleblowers; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Ellsberg passed away on June 16, 2023, at the age of 92;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee celebrate Daniel Ellsberg’s life, extend condolences to his family and friends, and support policies that guarantee



governmental transparency while opposing policies that allow secrecy and lies to be used to hide from the American people the goings-on of the government.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Clara Pratte/AZ

Co-Sponsored by:

Rion Ramirez/WA

Artie Blanco/NV

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Joe Garcia*

**WHEREAS**, Joe Garcia was a former two-time president of the National Congress of American Indians, which describes itself as the oldest and largest organization of American Indian and Alaska Native governments; and

**WHEREAS**, he previously served three terms as governor of the Ohkay Owingeh, a federally designated tribe of Pueblo people in New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, Garcia had been chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council, now renamed the All Pueblo Council of Governors, a non-profit leadership group that represents the modern Pueblo tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, he also had been a vice president of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Fe Indian School, which serves about 700 Native American middle and high school students; and

**WHEREAS**, Garcia held an electrical engineering degree from the University of New Mexico and worked 25 years for Los Alamos National Laboratory before retiring in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Garcia was a mentor, a visionary, and a compassionate soul who touched the lives of many; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Garcia passed away on May 11, 2023, at age 70;

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



The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Hendrell Remus/Chair/TN

Co-Sponsored by:

Jason Rae/DNC Secretary/WI

Ken Martin/DNC Vice Chair/MN

Rachel Campbell/Vice Chair/TN

Bill Owen/TN

Wade Munday/TN

Deborah Reed/TN

Raymond Buckley/Chair/NH

Carol Fowler/SC

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Roy Herron*

**WHEREAS**, Roy Herron, an attorney and lawmaker from Dresden, Tennessee, served a combined 26 years in the state's House and Senate, where he became floor leader and caucus chair for the Democrats; and

**WHEREAS**, he chaired the state Democratic Party from 2013 to 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, Herron was also one of the first students to earn joint degrees in divinity and law from Vanderbilt University. An ordained Methodist minister, Herron also authored three books, including one titled, "God and Politics: How Can a Christian Be in Politics?"; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, after briefly running for governor, Herron became the Democratic nominee in Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, when then-Rep. John Tanner announced his retirement, after more than 20 years in the seat. Herron ultimately lost the general election to Republican Stephen Fincher; and

**WHEREAS**, Herron died at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville at age 69;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Keith Umemoto/CA

Co-Sponsored by:

Ken Martin/DNC Vice Chair/MN

Jason Rae/DNC Secretary/WI

Garry Shay/CA

Laurence Zakson/CA

Sean Dugar/CA

Betty Yee/CA

Andrew Lachman/CA

Sandra Lowe/CA

Christine Pelosi/CA

Carolyn Fowler/CA

Lottie Shackelford/AR

Stephen Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Carol Fowler/SC

Artie Blanco/NV

Josh Coleman/AL

Michael Kapp/CA

Ada Briceño/CA

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Sandy Opstvedt/IA

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Aleita Huguenin*

**WHEREAS**, Aleita Huguenin was born on February 24, 1946, in Durango, Colorado, and lived in California from the late 1960s until her passing on March 3, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Aleita graduated from San Francisco State University in 1968 and then had a long career as a teacher at Mt. Diablo Unified School District; served as president of her local teachers union; and then served as head of government relations for the California Teachers Association, where she lifted the lives of students, parents, and teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, Aleita was instrumental in enhancing K-14 public school funding, particularly Proposition 98, and defeating voucher and other initiatives that would have taken away hundreds of millions of dollars from public schools and students; and

**WHEREAS**, Aleita served as the Western states caucus chair of the Democratic National Committee (2000 to 2014), organizing dynamic training sessions for Democrats in the Western states, and served as a member and executive committee member of both the Democratic National Committee (1996 to 2020) and the California Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, She managed over 30 political campaigns in California; and

**WHEREAS**, Aleita touched the lives of countless students, teachers, and Democratic Party activists; and

**WHEREAS**, Aleita was a loving mother, wife, grandmother, and friend;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors the life of Aleita Huguenin for her contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to her family and friends.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Mike Schmuhl/Chair/IN

Co-Sponsored by:

Ken Martin/DNC Vice Chair/MN

Patricia Yount/IN

David Frye/IN

Lacy Johnson/IN

Shaw Friedman/IN

Myla Eldridge/Vice Chair/IN

Yvette Lewis/Chair/MD

Raymond Buckley/Chair/NH

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Joseph Eugene Kernan III*

**WHEREAS**, Joe Kernan was born on April 8, 1946, in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, he moved to South Bend, IN, in 1956 and later graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in government in 1968. After joining the Navy in 1969, he served as a naval flight officer aboard the USS *Kitty Hawk* and was held as a prisoner of war for 11 months in Vietnam, earning two Purple Hearts for his service; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1975, he worked for Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio, until later returning to South Bend and working for South Bend Community Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Kernan served as South Bend controller from 1980 to 1984, then held the positions of vice president and treasurer of MacWilliams Corp before he was elected South Bend mayor in 1987. He was subsequently reelected in 1991 and 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1996, Kernan was elected and served as Indiana's lieutenant governor until 2003, when he assumed the role of governor of Indiana and championed affordable education and health care until 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, after his time as governor, Kernan moved back to South Bend and worked as an adjunct professor at the University Notre Dame, where he had been awarded an honorary degree; served as a volunteer acting director for the St. Joseph County Red Cross; and was the president and owner of the community and business development consulting firm South Bend Enterprises, Inc; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Kernan passed on July 29, 2020;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Karen Payne/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

Donna Brazile/DC

Minyon Moore/DC

Stephen Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

Brenda Brathwaite/MA

David O'Brien/MA

Mel Poindexter/MA

James Roosevelt/MA

Lottie Shackelford/AR

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Mel Herbert King*

**WHEREAS**, Mel King was born on October 20, 1928, in Boston, Massachusetts, in the South End neighborhood as one of 11 siblings; and

**WHEREAS**, King earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Claflin College in 1951 and a master's degree in education from Boston State College in 1952; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1967, he became executive director of the Urban League of Greater Boston, and in 1971, he founded the Community Fellows Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he became an adjunct professor of urban studies and planning; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1972, he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives and sponsored several measures that won passage and introduced legislation that created nonprofit agencies that finance and renovate substantial amounts of affordable housing, and that made Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a state holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. King's barrier-breaking 1983 campaign for mayor of Boston helped ease racial tensions caused in part by court-ordered busing to desegregate public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, during his mayoral campaign, Mr. King drew support from what he called a "Rainbow Coalition" – which included Black, Hispanic, Asian, and progressive white supporters. That term was soon adopted and expanded nationally by the Rev. Jesse Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, after retiring from MIT, Mr. King served as director of the South End Technology Center, which provides computer-based information technology to low-income people; and



**WHEREAS**, Mr. King passed on March 28, 2023;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Keith Umemoto/CA

Co-Sponsored by:

Jason Rae/DNC Secretary/WI

David Atkins/CA

Becca Doten/CA

Michael Kapp/CA

Andrew Lachman/CA

Sandra Lowe/CA

Garry Shay/CA

Lottie Shackelford/AR

Carol Fowler/SC

Artie Blanco/NV

Josh Coleman/AL

Ada Briceño/CA

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Celina Vasquez/TX

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Carolyn Fowler/CA

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Gloria Molina***

**WHEREAS**, Gloria Molina was born on May 31, 1948, in Montebello, California from Mexican American parents, and passed away on Mother's Day, May 14, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria attended Cal State Los Angeles, and worked her way through college as a legal secretary, then later became an adult education instructor, while also being involved in the Chicano movement, particularly on women's health; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria joined the presidential campaign for Jimmy Carter, later to be a deputy for presidential personnel in the Carter administration; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria returned to California to become deputy director of the San Francisco Department of Health and Human Services, then director of the Los Angeles District Office of Speaker Willie Brown, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria was a trailblazer in becoming the first Latina to be elected to the California State Assembly in 1982, first Latina to be elected to the Los Angeles City Council in 1987, and first Latina to be elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria also served as a Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee during the Clinton administration from 1996 until 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria, in addition to being a pioneer and role model, was a champion for the needs of the Latino community, low-income people, and foster youth, advocating for more low-income housing, cleaning the streets of low-income neighborhoods, and increasing graduation rates, particularly of foster youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria was a loving sibling, mother, wife, grandmother, and fixture in the Democratic Party;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by:

Stephen Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

Brenda Brathwaite/MA

David O'Brien/MA

Karen Payne/MA

Mel Poindexter/MA

James Roosevelt/MA

Raymond Buckley/Chair/NH

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of John W. Olver*

**WHEREAS**, John Olver was born on September 3, 1936, and raised on a farm in Beach Lake, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, he taught chemistry at University of Massachusetts Amherst for eight years, resigning in 1969 to enter politics as a state representative; and

**WHEREAS**, he was elected to the state Senate in 1972, and in 1991 he won a special election to the U.S. House of Representatives, serving the people of Massachusetts's 1st Congressional District with honor and integrity for 22 years; and

**WHEREAS**, John worked on raising awareness and offering concrete solutions in countless policy areas, such as climate change and other environmental concerns, immigration, and bettering the economic conditions of his constituents, with a laser focus on improving infrastructure and transportation in his congressional district; and

**WHEREAS**, after retiring he continued working for causes he cared about, partnering with local land trusts, the Kestrel Trust and the Mount Grace Land Trust, to preserve critical land for conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, he received an honorary degree in public service from the University of Massachusetts in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, in his 44 years as a federal and state lawmaker, John was a strong supporter and ally of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where the Design Building was named in honor of him in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, John's commitment to the environment, his love of science, and his desire to bring people together were the hallmarks of his life and career; and

**WHEREAS**, John passed away on February 23, 2023;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Celina Vasquez/TX

Co-Sponsored by:

Gilberto Hinojosa/Chair/TX

Artie Blanco/NV

Andre Treiber/TX

Josh Coleman/AL

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Leonard Aguilar/TX

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Isabel "Belle" Ortiz*

**WHEREAS**, Isabel "Belle" Ortiz was born on February 12, 1933, to Guadalupe and Roy Aguilar; and

**WHEREAS**, Belle was raised on San Antonio's west side along with her beloved younger brother, Roy Aguilar, Jr. She began playing the piano at age four and performed professionally with Latin orchestras throughout the city. She graduated from Sidney Lanier High School and Our Lady of the Lake University with a B.A. in performance and music education; and

**WHEREAS**, Belle began her teaching career at Edgewood Elementary. She taught at Mackey Elementary (NISD) before accepting a position in the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD); and

**WHEREAS**, Belle started Los Tejanitos at Barkley Elementary, a folkloric dance and music group, to help her students proudly showcase their cultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, she returned to her alma mater, Lanier High School, and began the nation's first high school ballet folklorico program. The curriculum was extremely successful. With Belle's vision, the program was expanded to other SAISD schools. Belle launched the first full high school mariachi program at Thomas Jefferson High School and created college mariachi education programs at San Antonio College and Texas A&M University in Kingsville; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1978, she and her husband, Juan Ortiz, a Grammy Award-winning musician, founded the ensemble now known as Mariachi Campanas de América. After performing initially under a different name, the group was rebranded in Belle's honor – campanas is Spanish for bells – at the suggestion of the late José "Pepe" Martinez Sr., a leader of the famed Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán; and

**WHEREAS**, Belle was active in many community organizations and served on numerous boards, including the Mexican American Unity Council, the Texas Diabetes Institute, the Ford Foundation, the Vikki Carr Scholarship Foundation, and the San Antonio Area Retired Teachers Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Belle was inducted into the San Antonio Women’s Hall of Fame and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Main Plaza Conservancy, the 2018 Inspire Award of SAISD Foundation, the Distinguished Service Award from SAISD, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber, the Our Empowering Women of San Antonio award, and the LULAC National Education Award; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a member of the San Antonio Area Retired Teachers Association, Las Madras and was very active in political campaigns, serving as a Democratic precinct chair for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, because of Belle’s efforts, today over 2,500 school districts, colleges, and universities throughout the world offer their students mariachi education; and

**WHEREAS**, Belle Ortiz was a revered mariachi performer, teacher, grassroots activist, mother, grandmother, comadre, friend, beloved by all in San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, Belle passed away at 90 on July 12, 2023;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Isabel “Belle” Ortiz for her contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to her family, friends, and all Texans.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Stephen Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

James Roosevelt/MA

Tim Jerman/VT

Mary Sullivan/VT

David O'Brien/MA

Mel Poindexter/MA

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Daniel Payne*

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Payne was born April 7, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from Wayne State University in 1966 with a degree in political science; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel moved to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1970 and worked in political consulting as a media specialist until his retirement in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel worked as a consultant for many high-profile candidates, including President Joe Biden, Senator John Kerry, Governor Madeleine Kunin and Governor and presidential nominee Michael Dukakis; and

**WHEREAS**, his important work won several prestigious awards, including the Clio Award and several Hatch awards, evidence of his practical and logical approach to the issues of the day; and

**WHEREAS**, after his retirement, Daniel traveled the world with his wife, Nicole, and remained a passionate fan of Boston sports teams; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel passed on May 9, 2023;

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



The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Co-Sponsored by:

Stephen Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Mel Poindexter/MA

Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

James Roosevelt/MA

David O'Brien/MA

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Karen Payne/MA

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of John L. Reed***

**WHEREAS**, John L. Reed was born on September 28, 1950, in Boston, Massachusetts, and passed away on February 10, 2023, after a short illness; and

**WHEREAS**, John graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, married his high school sweetheart Karen and moved to Cape Cod where he mentored countless students and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, John impacted the lives of many Barnstable High School students where he taught history, started the Imani cultural history club and a youth chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and created the Human Rights Academy for Cape students; and

**WHEREAS**, John collected a huge amount of golf bags and golf clubs from yard and estate sales to create a summer program for kids to learn how to play golf; and

**WHEREAS**, John was named the 2021 Rosenthal Community Champion for his founding of the Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission and involvement in human rights initiatives on Cape Cod; and

**WHEREAS**, John co-founded the Zion Union Heritage Museum to celebrate African American, Cape Verdean, Wampanoag, Brazilian and Caribbean people and served as the president of its board at the time of his death; and

**WHEREAS**, John was active in the Massachusetts Partnership for Diversity in Education because of his commitment to bringing teachers of color to Cape Cod schools and mentoring them; and

**WHEREAS**, John served as president of the Barnstable Teachers Association, was a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA) and a director of the National Education Association (NEA); and

**WHEREAS**, John, in recognition of his commitment to equity and diversity, received a Human and Civil Rights Award from the MTA and the H. Council Trenholm Memorial Award from the NEA in recognition of his numerous contributions to free the education profession from inequities based on race or ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS**, John was a longstanding member of the West Yarmouth Democratic Town Committee, a member of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee and a member of the Cape and Islands Democratic Council (CIDC) that honored him with its 2023 Community Service Award;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Jessica Velasquez/Chair/NM

Co-Sponsored by:

Trish Ruiz/NM

Martin Chávez/NM

Manny Crespín/Vice Chair/NM

Michelle Lujan Grisham/NM

Lottie Shackelford/AR

Stephen Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Carol Fowler/SC

Artie Blanco/NV

Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Larry Cohen/MD

Rion Ramirez/WA

Clara Pratte/AZ

Josh Coleman/AL

Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

Michael Kapp/CA

Keith Umemoto/CA

Quentin Wathum-Ocama/MN

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Yvette Lewis/Chair/MD

Donna Soucy/NH

Matt Keating/OR

Travis Nelson/OR

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Sandy Opstvedt/IA

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Bill Richardson***

**WHEREAS**, Bill Richardson served his country for decades as one of the United States' preeminent statesmen and public servants, furthering the causes and platform of the Democratic Party as one of the most accomplished and recognized Hispanic American political figures of his time; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Richardson served as a United States Representative for New Mexico's 3rd Congressional District, one of the most diverse in the country, from 1983 to 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Richardson served as the United States ambassador to the United Nations representing the United States' interests in matters of foreign affairs from 1997 to 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Richardson served as President Bill Clinton's secretary of energy from 1998 to 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Richardson served as the 30th governor of the state of New Mexico, defeating the Republican nominee 56-39% in his first gubernatorial campaign and assuming office in 2003

as the only Hispanic governor in the country. Richardson won his second term for governor 68-32%, the largest margin in New Mexico history; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Richardson served as his era's most accomplished diplomat who never backed down from the toughest missions to save American lives, even if it meant negotiating with some of our era's most notoriously despotic individuals in hostile foreign countries; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Richardson remained a dedicated, larger-than-life public figure and lifelong Democrat. He set the Guinness World Record for most handshakes in 8 hours during his first gubernatorial campaign;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the DNC recognizes Governor Richardson as:

1. A dedicated public servant who, throughout the span of his career, dreamed big and brought seemingly impossible accomplishments and public works into fruition through skillful negotiating and sheer willpower; and
2. A courageous diplomat who never backed down from the most challenging or high-profile diplomatic missions to save American lives; and
3. A stalwart of the Democratic Party and exemplary Hispanic public figure who furthered Democratic causes and spent his life fighting for New Mexicans and Americans at home and abroad.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile/DC

Co-Sponsored by:

Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Larry Cohen/MD

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Carolyn Fowler/CA

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Randall Robinson*

**WHEREAS**, Randall Robinson was born in in Richmond, Virginia, on July 6, 1941; and

**WHEREAS**, Robinson grew up in what he described as the “domestic apartheid system” of the Jim Crow South, suffering indignities that inspired his future activism; and

**WHEREAS**, following Army service, Robinson earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Virginia Union University, a historically Black institution, in 1967, and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Robinson practiced civil rights law in Boston, won a Ford Foundation fellowship to work in Tanzania, then worked for two members of Congress – Rep. William L. Clay Sr. of Missouri and Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr. of Michigan, both founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus; and

**WHEREAS**, in the late 1970s he chaired a working group which led to the creation of TransAfrica, which focused on influencing U.S. foreign policy concerning African and Caribbean countries; and

**WHEREAS**, Robinson led TransAfrica from its incorporation in 1977 until he stepped down as executive director in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, under Robinson’s leadership, TransAfrica became Black America’s premier foreign-policy think tank, earning the backing of Black celebrities including Harry Belafonte, Arthur Ashe, Ruby Dee, Ossie Davis, Dick Gregory, and Muhammad Ali; and

**WHEREAS**, Robinson led daily demonstrations in protest of apartheid outside of the South African embassy that led to thousands of arrests, including Arthur Ashe, Stevie Wonder, Delegate Walter Fauntroy, Gloria Steinem, and numerous members of Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, TransAfrica, and Mr. Robinson in particular, was credited with forcing the United States to confront the apartheid regime in South Africa and push for the release of South African activists, including Nelson Mandela; and

**WHEREAS**, Robinson taught at the Dickinson School of Law at Pennsylvania State University, and wrote several books, including “Defending the Spirit: A Black Life in America,” “The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks,” and “The Reckoning: What Blacks Owe to Each Other”; and

**WHEREAS**, Randall Robinson died on March 24, 2023, in St. Kitts;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by:

Shad Murib/Chair/CO

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Co-Sponsored by:

Ken Martin/DNC Vice Chair/MN

Yvette Lewis/Chair/MD

Raymond Buckley/Chair/NH

Lottie Shackelford/AR

Stephen Kerrigan/Chair/MA

Artie Blanco/NV

Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Josh Coleman/AL

Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

Keith Umemoto/CA

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Patricia Schroeder*

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Schroeder, born Patricia Nell Scott, was born on July 30, 1940, in Portland, Oregon, to a pilot father and teacher mother; and

**WHEREAS**, she earned her pilot's license at 15 and attended the University of Minnesota; from there she went to Harvard Law School, where she was one of 15 women in a class of more than 500; and

**WHEREAS**, after she graduated from Harvard Law in 1964, Patricia and her family settled in Denver, where she worked for the National Labor Relations Board, volunteered as counsel for Planned Parenthood and taught at the University of Colorado and Regis College; and

**WHEREAS**, she was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1972, where she represented Colorado's 1st Congressional District for 24 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia helped pass the 1978 Pregnancy Discrimination Act, worked to improve benefits for military personnel, and persuaded the Armed Services Committee to recommend that women be allowed to fly combat missions; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a passionate feminist advocate, known for redefining the role of women in American politics and using her wit to combat sexism in Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia passed away on March 13, 2023;

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



The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Shane Merrill/Chair/SD

Co-Sponsored by:

Jason Rae/DNC Secretary/WI

Ken Martin/DNC Vice Chair/MN

Deb Knecht/SD

Jessica Meyers/Vice Chair/SD

Dennis Olson/SD

Yvette Lewis/Chair/MD

Susan Swecker/Chair/VA

Raymond Buckley/Chair/NH

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Randy Seiler*

**WHEREAS**, Randy was born in 1946 in Mobridge, South Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, he spent time in the Air Force, serving a tour in Vietnam and earning the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service; and

**WHEREAS**, the bulk of his career was spent in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of South Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama nominated Seiler as the 41st United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota in 2015, a capacity he served in until his retirement on December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, his bipartisan nomination to the office was an indication of his relationships across the aisle; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, he stepped into his final role as chairman of the South Dakota Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, Randy passed on April 17, 2023;

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



The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Gilberto Hinojosa/Chair/TX

Co-Sponsored by:

Artie Blanco/NV

Debra Kozikowski/Vice Chair/MA

Colmon Elridge/Chair/KY

Lucas Fralick/WY

BJ McCollister/ME

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Andre Treiber/TX

Celina Vasquez/TX

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Charlie Stenholm*

**WHEREAS**, Representative Charlie Stenholm was a Texas Democrat who was a leading architect of agricultural policy in the late 20th century and into the 21st; and

**WHEREAS**, Stenholm represented a large swath of West Texas for 26 years before he was defeated as the result of a GOP redistricting plan in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Stenholm had a major role in shaping and passing every farm bill during his 13 terms in Congress between 1979 and 2005; his congressional career was marked by his passionate advocacy of modern farm production and a firm belief in limiting the growth of government spending; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a leading voice in legislation that rescued the Farm Credit System from financial difficulty during the farm crisis of the 1980s and mandated its reorganization; and

**WHEREAS**, Stenholm also helped develop legislation that reorganized the USDA during the Clinton administration and had a significant role in legislation that reformed the federal crop insurance system; and

**WHEREAS**, from 2005 through 2018, Stenholm remained in Washington as a lobbyist and senior policy adviser representing several agricultural clients including the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; and

**WHEREAS**, after returning to Texas in 2018, Stenholm was a popular public speaker and became an adjunct professor at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, teaching agricultural policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Stenholm passed unexpectedly on May 17, 2023, at his home in Granbury, Texas, at age 84;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Celina Vasquez/TX

Co-Sponsored by:

Gilberto Hinojosa/Chair/TX

Andre Treiber/TX

Raymond Buckley/Chair/NH

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Leonard Aguilar/TX

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Jesse Tafalla Jr.*

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Tafalla Jr. was born on September 3, 1962, in Dallas, Texas, to Jesse and Nellie Tafalla; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Jr. graduated from Bryan Adams High School in 1981 while also attending the Law Magnet in downtown Dallas from 1979 to 1981 with honors; and

**WHEREAS**, after high school, Jesse Jr. worked for IBM for 20+ years and worked for Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) for the past 10+ years; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Jr. was a fierce advocate for the arts, LGBTQ+ rights and Latino issues in North Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Jr. was active in the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the largest and oldest Latino civil rights organization in the country. Jesse Jr. served as president of the Dallas LULAC Rainbow Council, LULAC's first LGBTQ+ chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Jr. supported the arts and theater and served as vice president and as a member of the executive board for Cara Mia Theatre, the largest Latinx theater in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Jr. was a giant in North Texas Latino politics and was a member, strong supporter and board member of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, City Council District 5, Stonewall Democrats, 23rd Senatorial District Tejano Democrats, Dallas Historical Mexican American League (DHMAL), Teatro Dallas Theater, and Somos Tejas; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Tafalla Jr. served as an active member of the 23rd Senatorial District Tejano

Democrats in Dallas where he impacted thousands through youth voter registration and supported hundreds of candidates throughout the years who created policies that positively impacted the Latino community and others; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Jr. passed away on June 6, 2023, in Dallas, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Jr. was truly a great American, Texan, son, uncle, brother, mentor, and activist;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Democratic National Committee honors Jesse Tafalla 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 was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Celina Vasquez/TX

Co-Sponsored by:

Gilberto Hinojosa/Chair/TX

Andre Treiber/TX

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

Leonard Aguilar/TX

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Sandra Sue Tenorio*

**WHEREAS**, Sandra was born on December 8, 1958, to Sam Tenorio Sr. and Flora “Flo” Tenorio; and

**WHEREAS**, Kyle native Sandra Sue Tenorio worked at her family’s grocery store, Tenorio’s Grocery Store, then located at 110 W. Center St.; and

**WHEREAS**, she mostly worked at the cash register, which may have fueled her passion for service; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Hays High School, she became vice chair of the Kyle Housing Authority Board in 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, her public service career spanned over 40 years, including work at the city, county, and state and national level; and

**WHEREAS**, she was elected to the Kyle City Council in 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Sue Tenorio was Kyle’s first Hispanic mayor, and the youngest mayor in Texas at the time, when she was elected in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, she was an activist and community leader in the Texas Democratic Party, having served as state treasurer, as well as a local precinct chair; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra was the first female to serve as the president of the State Tejano Democrats and has been missed greatly by the Tejano and Hays County Democrats due to her continual work to help elect qualified individuals, and specifically people of color; and

**WHEREAS**, she also served on the Hays CISD Board of Trustees and the Buda City Council and as mayor of Buda; and

**WHEREAS**, she had previously worked in county government at the Travis County Courthouse where she learned how to navigate the judicial system; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra served in different capacities at the state government level, having worked for the Department of Agriculture under Jim Hightower, Governor Ann Richards and the Comptroller's office under John Sharp; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra was the first director of the Farmworker Right-to-Know Program for the Department of Agriculture where she took the newly created statute and worked with the United Farm Workers, Texas Rural Legal Aid, the Farmers' Union, the Farm Bureau and the Chemical Council to negotiate the rules and program material, implementing the first program of its kind in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a director of border and immigration issues for then-Governor Ann W. Richards, where she served as liaison between the state of Texas and the Mexican government at both the state and federal level; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Richards appointed her as the state refugee coordinator with the U.S. Department of State to manage federal refugee resettlement grants in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, she served as a senior research analyst for the Comptroller of Public Accounts where she contributed to such publications as *Bordering the Future*, *Fiscal Notes*, and *State Functions at the Texas-Mexico Border*; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra served as executive director of Texas Rural Communities, Inc., a non-profit organization created in 1934 to serve rural areas with loans and grants; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra became a sought-after board member on various boards and commissions, and served as treasurer of the board for the Texas Mezzanine Fund, a for-profit community development corporation certified by the U.S. Department of the Treasury as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and Community Development Entity (CDE), a member of the Board and Management Committee of Ballet Austin, and as president of the Buda Economic Development Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra is a graduate of Leadership Texas 1989 class, and promoted leadership by mentoring many youth and future political leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra received recognitions as an Outstanding Women in Texas Government and Outstanding Mexican American Business and Professional Women; and



**WHEREAS**, Sandra has a distinguished list of accomplishments, but what she was most proud of was the relationships she formed over her lifetime, as she adored her family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, she is survived by her daughter Cari Ledesma, her daughter-in-law Misty, her grandchildren, Isaac, Ivorie, Skylar and Lennon, and her brother Sam Tenorio, Jr. (Angie), and she is also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins; and

**WHEREAS**, she lived her life to the fullest, traveling with friends and family exploring restaurants as she traveled both internationally and domestically, she was a “foodie” and followed famous chefs along their journey, and when possible, she went to their restaurant to sample their fare, and she was vivacious, loving and thought provoking by always speaking her mind on political and social issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Sue Tenorio, 64, passed away on Monday, July 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra was truly a great American, mentor, mother, friend, activist, and servant leader;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Sandra Sue Tenorio for her contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to her family, friends, and all Texans.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by:  
Celina Vasquez/TX  
Robert Martinez/TX

Co-Sponsored by:  
Gilberto Hinojosa/Chair/TX  
Andre Treiber/TX  
Larry Cohen/MD

Josh Coleman/AL  
Samantha Hope Herring/FL  
Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE  
Leonard Aguilar/TX

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of David Van Os*

**WHEREAS**, David Van Os was born on February 19, 1950, in Kilgore, Texas, to Seymour and Francene Van Os; and

**WHEREAS**, David Van Os attended and graduated from University of Texas at Austin with Honors, May 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from the University of Texas Law School with a J.D. degree in 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, as a political activist and labor leader, Van Os attended his first Democratic State Convention in 1972 and attended every one through 2020. He served as president of the Northeast Austin Democrats from 1978 to 1980, Democratic precinct chairman for Travis County from 1981 to 1988, county Democratic chairman for Travis County from 1996 to 1998, chairman for the North East Bexar County Democrats from 2000 to 2003, a NAACP member and legal panelist, member of the American Civil Liberties Union, and member of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement; and

**WHEREAS**, David Van Os was a labor attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as general counsel for the Texas AFL-CIO from 1983 to 1989 and was named Civil Libertarian of the Year for the Central Texas ACLU in 1990 and was the in-house district counsel for the Communications Workers of America (CWA) in Austin from 1981 through 1984; he continued serving as district counsel for CWA after co-founding a private law firm in 1984, and remained CWA's district counsel for its five-state District 6; and

**WHEREAS**, David served on the board of directors and as assistant treasurer for the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, by appointment of the Texas Supreme Court from 1985 to 1995. In 1990 he was honored with the President's Citation for Achievement in Civil Rights by the NAACP. The Texas Women's Political Caucus named him "GOOD GUY OF THE YEAR" in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, David Van Os's clients have included steelworkers (USW), carpenters (UBC), electrical workers (IBEW), sheet metal workers, firefighters, musicians (AFM), Deputy Sheriffs of Bexar County, the Texas AFL-CIO, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, Van Os and his wife, Rachel, met on a CWA picket line in 1993. In the 1980s and early 1990s he also represented the NAACP and LULAC in a series of controversial voting rights lawsuits and desegregation suits involving the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School Board; and

**WHEREAS**, he spent the first 23 years of his legal career in Austin before he and Rachel moved their growing family to San Antonio in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, after moving to San Antonio he continued to be involved in high-profile issues such as obtaining a temporary restraining order on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) that temporarily halted the unpopular closing of Kelly Air Force Base; and

**WHEREAS**, as the Democratic candidate for attorney general, Van Os took his campaign directly to the people. He pledged to visit all 254 counties in Texas during the 2006 election cycle and ran for statewide office to serve fellow Texans; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a loving husband and father; and

**WHEREAS**, David Van Os passed away on January 3, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, David was truly a great American, labor attorney, Longhorn, public servant, and family man;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by:

Chuck Degnan/AK

Mike Wenstrup/Chair/AK

Co-Sponsored by:

Lottie Shackelford/AR

Artie Blanco/NV

Brenda Brathwaite/MA

Josh Coleman/AL

Jeri Shepherd/CO

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Andre Treiber/TX

Travis Nelson/OR

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Eugene “Buzzy” Peltola Jr.*

**WHEREAS**, Eugene “Buzzy” Peltola Jr., the husband of U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola, died unexpectedly on September 12, 2023, at the age of 57; and

**WHEREAS**, Peltola was a dedicated public servant whose years of service and leadership at the Bureau of Indian Affairs helped advance the services and programs provided to Alaska Natives; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his widow, Peltola is survived by his parents, kids, siblings, extended family, and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Peltola will forever be remembered for his legacy of selfless service to his home state of Alaska;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Eugene “Buzzy” Peltola for his contributions to Indian Country, the Democratic Party, and our nation and offers its condolences to his family and friends.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile/DC

Co-Sponsored by:

Josh Coleman/AL

Samantha Hope Herring/FL

Coby Owens/Vice Chair/DE

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Peg Yorkin*

**WHEREAS**, Peg Yorkin was born on April 16, 1927, in New York; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a student at Barnard College for two years before leaving to attend the Neighborhood Playhouse, receiving dance instruction before pursuing a career in production of live theater; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, while working in live theater in Los Angeles, she produced the National Organization for Women's 20th anniversary event to document the feminist movement and the advancement of women's rights; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1987, she co-founded the Feminist Majority Foundation, an organization that focuses on women's equality, reproductive health, and nonviolence; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, she petitioned pharmaceutical companies in Europe to release mifepristone to the U.S., giving \$10 million of her personal wealth the following year to advance the fight for bringing the abortion pill to the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, Peg Yorkin was deeply invested in the success of female candidates to state and national legislative bodies, promoting legislation including the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Violence Against Women Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Peg Yorkin passed on June 25, 2023, at the age of 96;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Scott Brennan/IA

Co-Sponsored by:

Sandy Opstvedt/IA

Jan Bauer/IA

Rita Hart/Chair/IA

Gregory Christensen/Vice-Chair/IA

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Dick Clark*

**WHEREAS**, Richard Clarence “Dick” Clark was born in the unincorporated community of Paris, Iowa, in Linn County, on September 14, 1928, and graduated from Lamont High School in 1947; and

**WHEREAS**, following service in the U.S. Army, Clark graduated from Upper Iowa University in 1953, and earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1959; and

**WHEREAS**, Clark taught history and political science at Upper Iowa University before working as an aide to U.S. Rep. John Culver; and

**WHEREAS**, in a year when Republicans Richard Nixon and Robert Ray won Iowa's votes for the presidency and for governor, Clark defeated two-term Republican incumbent Sen. Jack Miller in a 1972 campaign where he walked across Iowa on foot, greeting Iowans one on one, winning with 55.1% of the vote; and

**WHEREAS**, Clark served on the Agriculture, Public Works and Foreign Relations committees during his time in the Senate, and helped create the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Clark was best known for chairing the Foreign Relations subcommittee on African affairs, a role that gave him a platform to speak out on African policy issues, and especially his support for Black liberation movements; and

**WHEREAS**, Clark advocated for the end of apartheid in South Africa and traveled across sub-Saharan Africa, educating himself on policy issues, and met with activists including Steve Biko, a leader of South Africa's anti-apartheid movement; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his advocacy for the end of apartheid in South Africa, Clark sponsored a measure banning American aid to rebels in Angola, where paramilitary groups

were fighting the country's leftist government with support from South Africa and the CIA, and later championed a 1977 bill that restored an embargo on Rhodesian chrome, as part of an effort to promote a transition toward Black-majority rule in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, following his Senate term, President Jimmy Carter appointed Clark as an ambassador at large, serving as the administration's coordinator for refugee affairs in 1979, where he worked to provide aid and housing for tens of thousands of people fleeing wars and famine in Southeast Asia; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980, Clark worked for U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy's unsuccessful campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination; and

**WHEREAS**, Clark then became a senior fellow and director of the congressional program at the Aspen Institute, where he spent the next three decades combining his interests in teaching and politics, and launched a program to educate members of Congress on foreign policy issues, organizing dozens of bipartisan conferences and retreats, including sessions on the politics and history of the Soviet Union, Vietnam and South Africa; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick Clark died on September 20, 2023, at his home in Washington;

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

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Fred Redmond/DC

Co-Sponsored by:

Roxanne Brown/MD

Artie Blanco/NV

Stuart Appelbaum/NY

Eric Dean/IL

James Williams/PA

Timothy Driscoll/VA

Randi Weingarten/NY

Lonnie Stephenson/MD

Sandy Opstvedt/IA

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Thomas Michael Conway*

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Michael Conway was born in Newark, New Jersey on February 14, 1953; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom served four years in the United States Air Force as an aircraft mechanic until 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom was recruited by Bethlehem Steel to work as a millwright in the company's Burns Harbor coke plant in northwest Indiana, where he soon became involved in the steelworkers union, joining Local 6787; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom began work as a union leader almost immediately. When Bethlehem Steel tried to lay off workers during the economic downturn of the late 1970s, he helped his local push back, persuading the company to first cut nonunion contractors. In the end, no union members lost their jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, he moved from the local to the union's international staff in 1987, and in 2005 he became its vice president for administration. He also served as the secretary of the union's Basic Steel Industry Conference, which designed negotiating strategies and set policy agendas for local and state lobbying efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, along with serving as a union leader, Tom helped negotiate a series of corporate loans and consolidations during the late 1990s in the middle of the Asian economic downturn. Millions of tons of cheap steel flooded into the United States, and Tom's aid helped stabilize the industry and ensure its growth; and



**WHEREAS**, Tom was named president of the United Steelworkers Union in 2019, and he played a crucial role in creating a steel industry that is stable and profitable, which has 850,000 union members – a situation attributable in no small part to Mr. Conway’s leadership. In addition to being the acting president, he was a founding board member of the BlueGreen Alliance, a coalition of labor groups and environmental organizations, and a strong advocate for the transition away from fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom was an unofficial advisor and friend to President Joe Biden; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Michael Conway passed away on September 25, 2023;

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

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Submitted by:

Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

Christine Pelosi/CA

Donna Brazile/DC

Rusty Hicks/Chair/CA

Co-Sponsored by:

Keith Umemoto/CA

Sandy Opstvedt/IA

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Dianne Feinstein*

**WHEREAS**, Dianne Emiel Goldman was born in San Francisco on June 22, 1933; and

**WHEREAS**, she attended Stanford University, where she was student body vice president and received a bachelor's degree in history in 1955; and

**WHEREAS**, while at Stanford, she established the university's first chapter of Young Democrats and was elected student body vice president, the highest office a woman could hold at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1960, California Gov. Pat Brown named her to the California Women's Board of Terms and Parole, her first job in public service; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1969, Feinstein served for nine years as a San Francisco County supervisor, eventually serving as the first woman president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, she became the first woman mayor of San Francisco in 1978 following the assassination of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk; and

**WHEREAS**, Feinstein won the mayor's office in her own right in 1979 and, after surviving a recall, was reelected in 1983; she was named the nation's "Most Effective Mayor" by City and State Magazine in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, Dianne Feinstein led the city through the AIDS crisis, helped create thousands of jobs, and saved the famed cable cars and secured funding to rebuild the system in time for the 1984 Democratic National Convention held in San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1992, she and Barbara Boxer won their Senate seats to become the first women elected as U.S. senators from California in what became known as the Year of the Woman – an election that sent 24 new women to the House of Representatives and brought the total number of female senators to six; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Feinstein was one of the first women members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, becoming the first woman ranking member of the committee in 2017, where she helped shape policy on criminal law, national security, immigration, civil rights and the courts and confirm hundreds of federal judges, including 143 jurists nominated by President Biden; and

**WHEREAS**, she was the first woman to chair the Senate Rules and Administration Committee in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Feinstein was the first woman to chair the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, a position she held for six years beginning in 2009, where she oversaw the passage of six intelligence authorization bills; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Feinstein counted among her most notable achievements in the Senate the enactment of the federal Assault Weapons Ban in 1994, a law that prohibited the sale, manufacture and import of military-style assault weapons, and a review of the CIA's detention and interrogation program that culminated in the 2014 release of the report's executive summary and passage of legislation ensuring that certain post-9/11 interrogation methods are never used again; and

**WHEREAS**, she was the driving force in enacting legislation to preserve millions of acres of land in the State of California, from the redwoods of Headwaters Forest to San Francisco Bay and Lake Tahoe, and devoted particular attention to protecting the California desert through the establishment of Death Valley National Park, Joshua Tree National Park, the Mojave National Preserve, the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, the Mojave Trails National Monument, the Sand to Snow National Monument, and the Castle Mountains National Monument; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Feinstein led Senate efforts to secure marriage equality, combat LGBTQ discrimination, defend reproductive rights, combat violence against women, protect victims of trafficking, reform our health care system, provide immigration benefits for agricultural workers, increase fuel economy standards, improve the safety of personal care products, address nuclear waste storage, fund breast cancer research, counter illicit narcotics, enhance cybersecurity information sharing, increase resources to fight wildfires, and manage the water supply system of the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Feinstein was reelected to the Senate five times; including in 2012 when she received the most popular votes for any Senate candidate in the history of the United States, she was one of the first two female Jewish senators, the longest-serving senator from California, and the longest-serving female senator in U.S. history; and

**WHEREAS**, President Joe Biden said upon her passing: “Often the only woman in the room, Dianne was a role model for so many Americans – a job she took seriously by mentoring countless public servants, many of whom now serve in my Administration. She had an immense impact on younger female leaders for whom she generously opened doors. Dianne was tough, sharp, always prepared, and never pulled a punch, but she was also a kind and loyal friend, and that’s what Jill and I will miss the most;” and

**WHEREAS**, as House Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi recalled, Dianne savored being a mentor and was always willing to learn. In 2017, she wrote a law to protect millions of young women athletes, who shared with her the horrors of sexual abuse in amateur sports. She then gave us all a Master Class on the subject, demonstrating how women’s personal safety, freedom to pursue careers free of harassment or assault, and the right to choose are firmly connected. Dianne recognized the impact laws have on people’s lives and the statement laws make about our national values. And it is fitting that she cast her final Senate vote to advance legislation to keep the government open for the people; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Feinstein inspired generations of women to break barriers and seek positions of leadership, to find common ground in order to get things done for the people they represent, and to serve with grace, strength, and integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a beloved sister, wife, mother, and grandmother; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California and the United States lost a trailblazing lawmaker and dedicated public servant when Senator Feinstein died on September 28, 2023, at her home in Washington;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Senator Dianne Feinstein for her contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to her family and friends.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Jaime Harrison/DNC Chair/SC

Co-Sponsored by:

Christale Spain/Chair/SC

Samuel Green/SC

Colleen Condon/Vice Chair/SC

Clay Middleton/SC

Carol Fowler/SC

Bre Maxwell/SC

Kaye Koonce/SC

Annika Krovi/SC

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of David Mack*

**WHEREAS**, David Mack III was born in Charleston on December 13, 1953; and

**WHEREAS**, David attended Howard University, where he graduated with the 1975 cohort, along with his brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and

**WHEREAS**, David was a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, serving district 109 from the years 1996 to 2020 as a devoted Democrat; and

**WHEREAS**, along with serving the community through the South Carolina House of Representatives, David also served the community as the lay speaker for the Old Bethel United Methodist Church, sat on the COBRA board of directors, was a member of the North Charleston NAACP, sat on the board of the South Carolina Coalition for Black Voter Participation, was a co-chair of the Progressive Network, and was a member of the Charleston chapter of Rainbow PUSH; and

**WHEREAS**, David reflected his dogma in his work by pushing to create a progressive and inclusive community. He was a staunch supporter of efforts to advance civil rights and equity, and to improve health outcomes among African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, with all of the organizations that David led or participated in, he also found the time to be a presence in the media world as an excellent radio personality, hosting a talk show every Saturday. David would have very interesting and thoughtful dialogues with members of the health care community, the academic realm, and other various professionals that could speak on the topics at hand; and

**WHEREAS**, David Mack III passed away on the 20th of September, 2023, and is missed and loved by all who encountered him in his life;

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

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of John L. Scott*

**WHEREAS**, John Scott was first elected to the South Carolina state House of Representatives in a 1990 special election, and he won his state Senate seat representing northwest parts of Richland County in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Scott's dedication to the people of South Carolina spanned over three decades, with 18 years of service in the state House of Representatives prior to his tenure in the state Senate, which began in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, Scott focused on expanding high-speed internet access across rural parts of the state and increasing funding for South Carolina's historically Black colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1975 graduate of South Carolina State University had become a fixture on HBCU campuses as he sought to make them centers of excellence for a particular specialty; and

**WHEREAS**, the initiative, which he dubbed SC HBCU Institutes of Innovation and Information, has received \$1.4 million through the state budget over the last two years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, Scott was picked by Democratic gubernatorial candidate Marguerite Willis as her running mate for what would be an unsuccessful run for the party nomination, but she touted the pick as a historic opportunity to pair a woman and an African American on the ticket for South Carolina's top two posts; and

**WHEREAS**, Scott was a former clerk and deacon of his church, New Ebenezer Baptist; and

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina state Sen. John Scott, a Democratic legislator for 33 years, died Aug. 13 at the Medical University of South Carolina, at age 69;

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



The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Fred Redmond/DC

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Bill Spriggs*

**WHEREAS**, William E. Spriggs was born on April 8, 1955, in Washington, D.C., to Thurman and Julienne (Henderson) Spriggs; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from Williams College in Massachusetts in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in economics and political science; and

**WHEREAS**, Spriggs received a doctorate in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1984; and

**WHEREAS**, he taught economics at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro and Norfolk State University in Virginia, and after taking a series of jobs in government and think tanks, Spriggs returned to academia in 2005 as a professor of economics at Howard University where he also served as the chair of the economics department; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Spriggs as assistant secretary for the Office of Policy at the United States Department of Labor, where he served until 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Spriggs served as the chief economist of the AFL-CIO from 2012 to 2023, where he was an important and critical voice on the economic policies that exacerbate racial disparities in economic outcomes, particularly for Black workers, and was an incisive critic of the field of economics approach on race; and

**WHEREAS**, in his role with the AFL-CIO, he chaired the Economic Policy Working Group for the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and served on the board of the National Bureau of Economic Research; and

**WHEREAS**, his previous work experience included roles leading economic policy development and research at the Economic Policy Institute, the National Urban League; the U.S. Small Business Administration, and the U.S. Department of Commerce; as an economist for the

Democratic staff of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress; and, as staff director for the National Commission for Employment Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Spriggs served on the boards of the National Employment Law Project, and the Eastern Economic Association; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a former president of the National Economic Association, the organization of America's professional Black economists, and president-elect of the Labor and Employment Relations Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Spriggs was one of the most prominent and internationally recognized economists of his generation, deeply committed to racial and social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, his many honors included the National Academy of Social Insurance Robert M. Ball Award for Outstanding Achievement and the NAACP Benjamin L. Hooks Keeper of the Flame Award; and

**WHEREAS**, President Joe Biden said Spriggs "was a towering figure in his field, a trailblazer who challenged the field's basic assumptions about racial discrimination in labor markets, pay equity, and worker empowerment"; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 6, 2023, Bill Spriggs passed away in Reston, Virginia, at the age of 68;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Bill Spriggs for his contributions to our country, the field of economics, the labor movement and the Democratic Party, and offers its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on October 5, 2023, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee on October 7, 2023.

Submitted by: Fred Redmond/DC

Co-Sponsored by:

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*Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Mike Williams*

**WHEREAS**, Robert Michael Williams was born on October 27, 1950, in McIntosh, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from Camden County (Georgia) High School, then studied at the Georgia Institute of Technology and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; and

**WHEREAS**, Williams began his career in the labor movement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 177 after completing an apprenticeship as a construction electrician; and

**WHEREAS**, Williams was elected as the business manager of IBEW Local 177 in 1990, and as president of the Florida Building and Construction Trades Council in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, Williams was elected by the delegates of Florida's unions to lead the Florida AFL-CIO in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, under his leadership, the state federation grew in size and influence, becoming a powerhouse in state politics and policy through grassroots mobilizing and organizing; and

**WHEREAS**, Williams fostered the civic engagement of thousands of union members through the creation of the Working Families Lobby Corps program in which unions across Florida send members to Tallahassee to learn about the legislative process and advocate for working families in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2023, Mike Williams passed away at his home in Saint Marks, Florida, at the age of 72; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Democratic Party Chair Nikki Fried said Williams "organized, advocated and revitalized the labor community in Florida, serving as a powerful advocate for workers'

rights fighting until the end for a living wage, healthcare, retirement benefits, education and training opportunities”;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Mike Williams for his contributions to our country, the State of Florida and the Democratic Party, and offers its condolences to his family.