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Resolution to Fight for the “Kitchen Table” Issues that Matter Most to Working Families

WHEREAS, President Trump’s policies are driving up the cost of living for hardworking American families on multiple fronts; and

WHEREAS, corporations have used their windfalls from the Republican tax scam to line the pockets of their rich executives instead of raising wages for workers and the Republican tax scam blew a hole in the budget which Trump proposed to fill by cutting Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security; and

WHEREAS, rising gas and drug prices and skyrocketing health care costs are driving many to cut back on other essentials, leading to a diminished the quality of life for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the extremely high cost of post-secondary education has forced many qualified students to decide against enrolling; and

WHEREAS, compared to prior generations, new college graduates are burdened with extreme debt and high student loan payments that leave them unable to start families, buy homes, or make other investments that would contribute greatly to our economy; and

WHEREAS, tens of millions of hardworking Americans rely on the ACA’s pre-existing conditions protections to afford necessary and life-saving health care services; and

WHEREAS, insulin, a drug that seven million Americans with diabetes depend on, has more than tripled in price since 2002; and

WHEREAS, through ACA-mandated guidelines, life-saving medication is made available to those who otherwise would be unable to afford ballooning prescription drug prices;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Democrats will hold Republicans accountable for policies that punish ordinary Americans in order to reward those at the top; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that Democrats will continue fighting to make life more affordable for hardworking Americans, by driving down the cost of education, making everyday purchases like prescription drugs, gas, and groceries more affordable, and building an economy that works for all, not just those at the top.

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Resolution to Protect the Affordable Care Act and Fight for Universal Access to Quality Affordable Health Care

WHEREAS, our platform states that “Democrats believe that health care is a right, not a privilege, and our health care system should put people before profits;” and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party platform states that “Americans should be able to access public coverage through a public option;” and

WHEREAS, the United States remains one of the only advanced industrialized nations without universal health care; and

WHEREAS, 20 million Americans have gained health care coverage since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, and 130 million Americans now have coverage for pre-existing conditions, but as many as 32 million Americans could lose care if the law is repealed; and

WHEREAS, the ACA has helped 47 million women gain access to preventive health services, protections from gender discrimination and free wellness visits; and

WHEREAS, the uninsured rate reached a record low at the end of the Obama administration, and the ACA is saving lives; and

WHEREAS, Donald Trump and congressional Republicans vowed countless times to repeal the ACA, but were blocked when the millions of Americans expressed their staunch opposition through calls, emails, protests, and in person; and

WHEREAS, by a 2-to-1 margin, voters oppose the Trump administration urging a federal court to eliminate the ACA’s protections for people with pre-existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Americans say it’s “very important” to protect the ACA’s protections for people with pre-existing conditions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, Democrats will continue fighting to make access to quality affordable health care universal, and work with our progressive allies to prevent President

Trump and the GOP from destroying the historic benefits of the Affordable Care Act and ripping away affordable health care from millions of American families.

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Resolution to Protect Roe v. Wade and Women's Access to Health Care

WHEREAS, President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy on the United States Supreme Court is another example of Republicans stacking the judicial system with judges who oppose women's constitutional right to access abortion services; and

WHEREAS, we know Trump himself said that overturning Roe v. Wade would be a litmus test for any nominee he put forth; and

WHEREAS, 71 percent of Americans do not want the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade; and

WHEREAS, Kavanaugh has dissented from rulings that upheld the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive mandate accommodation; and

WHEREAS, Kavanaugh voted against allowing a migrant teenager in HHS custody to obtain a legal abortion;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party will resolve to defend a woman's right to a safe and legal abortion; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that Democrats will continue to promote the appointment of fair and reasonable judges who will protect women's right to choose in health care; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party will continue to aggressively encourage voters across the country to contact their senators and tell them to vote no on the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.

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Resolution Supporting the Labor Community

WHEREAS, the recent Supreme Court *Janus* decision was one of the most blatant and disgraceful examples of union busting in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the sustained assault on the labor community's rights has long been a part of Republican tactics to diminish the power of collective bargaining and put corporate profits above the well-being of American workers; and

WHEREAS, public approval of unions continues to climb, especially among young people, even as decades of union busting tactics have reduced membership to just 11% today versus its peak at 35% in 1954; and

WHEREAS, recent studies show that the high point for union membership in America coincided with the low point for wage inequality;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Democrats believe that when unions succeed, America succeeds. We know that the right to organize and bargain collectively has helped build the middle class and create shared prosperity for millions of American families; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the continued investment by the Democratic Party in defending American workers and protecting collective bargaining rights for all can only strengthen the middle class and bolster the economy.

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Eric Bauman, Chair, California
Teresa Garcia Krusor, Kansas
Alexandra Gallardo Rooker, California
Iris Martinez, Illinois
Chris Reeves Kansas
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Stuart Appelbaum, New York
Tanya Shively, Oregon
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Ai Jen Poo, At-Large, Illinois

Resolution Opposing the Cruel Immigration Policies of the Trump Administration

WHEREAS, the Trump administration’s family separation policies have created a horrific, heartbreaking, and entirely unnecessary immigration crisis at our borders; and

WHEREAS, we must bear witness to the unconscionably cruel treatment of these children and their parents. There have been reports of separated family members deprived of sleep, physically restrained, subjected to solitary confinement, and forcibly injected with psychotropic drugs; others have been subjected to physical and emotional abuse, as well as brutal living conditions, including dangerously cold temperatures and being forced to sleep on concrete. One teenage boy told NBC News, “The way I have been treated makes me feel...like I am trash.” These cases are happening in detention centers throughout the country, and we may never know the extent of this abuse since Immigration and Customs Enforcement has sought to destroy records of abuse and deaths in its custody; and

WHEREAS, we have a president who has said these children are “not innocent,” and shown no compassion for those he has subjected to his cruel family separation policy of ripping children from the loving arms of their parents; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee supports welcoming immigrants as future American citizens, recognizes immigration as a necessary lifeblood in reasonable, constructive, healthy societies, and acknowledges the many contributions of immigrant communities to the richness and vibrancy of America’s economy and society; and

WHEREAS, protection from tyranny is one of America’s founding ideals, and therefore the DNC regards the stigmatization or criminalization of any refugee seeking asylum from the ravages of civil war, violence, injustice, or oppression as inherently immoral and un-American; and

WHEREAS, the right to seek asylum is codified in U.S. and international law and is a basic human right and a form of legal immigration; that right must be afforded due process of law; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has fueled an atmosphere of hatred and discrimination against immigrants seeking refuge in the United States, which has led to increased intolerance, discrimination, and poor treatment of immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the especially cruel policy of separation of families, child psychologists and pediatricians have weighed in on the serious physical and mental consequences being suffered by children of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has failed to reunite hundreds of families enduring separation by court-mandated deadlines and is in fact advocating for more extreme detention conditions; and

WHEREAS, the conditions in some facilities immigrant families were indefinitely detained in are often unsanitary and have seen cases of chickenpox, respiratory infections, and a host of other health complications; and

WHEREAS, right-wing organizations like the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS), and NumbersUSA have for decades promoted a vicious, reactionary nativism appealing to fear and ignorance contrary to the “better angels of our nature” as Americans and have continually called for sharp decreases in lawful immigration; perpetuated a narrative that immigration is harmful to the national identity of the United States; denigrated immigrants; created political terminology with no basis in law or fact designed to further their radically nativist views on aspiring Americans; advocated for laws and policies that increase detention and deportation; and bolstered the Trump administration’s brutal and inhumane immigration policies, which have resulted in the separation of children from their parents when entering the United States, many of whom are seeking asylum;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party will keep fighting for immigrant families and urges the Trump administration to reunite children with their parents immediately; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that these detention camps violate the dignity of human beings, many of whom came to our country seeking refuge from violence and persecution; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that members of Congress should speak out against this administration’s horrific family separation policies and demand that President Trump

obey the court order to fix the crisis he created and immediately reunify over 500 children with their parents; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of each state and territory, as well as Democrats Abroad, should be encouraged to make available on their website, in English and in Spanish, a copy of a template Family Emergency Preparedness Plan that families can use in the case of forcible separations occurring.

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Resolution to Keep Investing in and Building Lasting Party Infrastructure for Long-term Growth and Electoral Success

WHEREAS, the new DNC has been strengthening existing party infrastructure ahead of the midterm elections through organizing, cybersecurity, data, and tech investments; and

WHEREAS, in Virginia alone, the DNC made an initial \$1.5 million investment in organizing that helped secure Democratic victories up and down the ballot in 2017; and

WHEREAS, DNC-made investments in African American, Latinx, AAPI, Native American, millennial, and rural communities will help fund more than 50 organizers in 16 states; and

WHEREAS, the DNC is investing aggressively in Black communities through campaigns such as the IWillVote program, Every ZIP Code Counts, and Winning With Partners in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the DNC has launched a Seat at the Table Tour to more actively engage with the African American women who are the backbone of the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, the DNC has been working to safeguard systems and provide state parties with technical assistance and advice on the best safety precautions to take as we approach the midterm elections. The DNC staff is working with state parties and candidates if they see suspicious behavior or potential attacks; and

WHEREAS, to be as secure as possible, the DNC has instilled a complete culture change in regards to protecting our data, including moving toward encrypted messaging when appropriate, conducting regular phishing exercises, providing mandatory online and in-person security training, mandating immediate and timely software updates on all work devices, and moving to a more secure email system; and

WHEREAS, through a nationwide cell phone acquisition, the DNC will be capable of providing state parties every available cell phone number for every registered voter, which will enable state parties to communicate with many more voters and strengthen grassroots infrastructure in key states;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Democrats will continue to make targeted investments in state parties, organizers, data, and technology to promote the long-term growth of our party and electoral success in the 2018 midterms and beyond.

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Resolution on Fair and Transparent DNC

WHEREAS, the DNC is listening to all voices in our party and is committed to transparency with voters and members; and

WHEREAS, the Rules and Bylaws Committee has developed a proposal that increases transparency and fairness for all candidates in our nomination process by reducing the role of unpledged delegates; and

WHEREAS, the perception that unpledged delegates may have influenced the outcome of our primary eroded trust in our party among some voters who otherwise share our values and who we need for our party to win in the future;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party will regain trust and increase transparency and inclusivity by making our caucuses more accessible, engaging the grassroots, and reducing the role of unpledged delegates so that Democrats can succeed in 2018, 2020, and beyond.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Susie Shannon, California
Christine Pelosi, California
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Resolution Expressing the Sense of the DNC that Climate Change Poses an Urgent and Severe Threat to our National Security

WHEREAS, the Pentagon has identified climate change as a threat multiplier with immediate risks to our national security; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State has identified climate change as a national security threat; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security has identified climate change as a top homeland security risk; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense has identified climate change as a present, urgent, and growing threat to our national security that is already contributing to increased natural disasters, refugee flows, and conflicts over food and water; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the National Intelligence Council assessed that during the next five years national security risks linked to climate change will arise mostly from extreme weather events, and further warned that the possibility of abrupt, dramatic climate change cannot be discounted; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the U.S. Department of Defense issued a climate change directive establishing policy and assigning responsibilities to help safeguard the economy, infrastructure, environment, and natural resources of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Climate and Security, a non-partisan institute advised by 43 military, national security, homeland security, intelligence, and foreign policy experts, identifies climate change as a high-probability, high-impact risk with very large and widespread impacts on security; and warns that climate change threatens to make fragile states like Syria even more fragile, leading to the potential for destabilizing violence; and

WHEREAS, according to the WMO, 16 of the 17 hottest years ever recorded have all occurred this century; and

WHEREAS, thousands of scientists from 195 countries have contributed to the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which has concluded there is a 95-to-100

percent probability that humans are the dominant cause of observed atmospheric heating since the mid-20th century; and

WHEREAS, atmospheric concentrations of the primary heat-trapping gas, carbon dioxide (CO₂), have increased by 40 percent since pre-industrial times, primarily from the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, this global temperature increase is contributing to the spread of infectious diseases, the disappearance of mountain glaciers, the death of the world coral reefs, the drowning of island nations, the mass migration of climate refugees, and widespread famine; and

WHEREAS, a 2012 study commissioned by 20 governments whose nations are most threatened by climate change estimated 400,000 people are already dying globally each year from climate change, mainly due to hunger and communicable diseases that affect mostly children;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in light of the catastrophic consequences facing our country, our planet, and civilization from accelerating climate change, the Democratic National Committee affirms its support for a national and inclusive mobilization to rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with the ultimate goal of moving us towards a near-zero greenhouse gas emissions economy as soon as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, such a mobilization must consider the devastating impact that some policies can have on workers, families, and entire communities, and include a serious commitment to addressing those impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to address the climate emergency, the DNC supports policies that commit the United States to immediately launching a national, social, and economic mobilization which includes leading a global effort to mobilize nations to restore a safe climate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC, in the interest of national security and the stabilization of the U.S. economy, embraces a renewable energy future to drive job growth, put millions of Americans back to work in good-paying union jobs that provide high wages, pensions, secure retirements, and safe work places, address the detrimental health impacts of pollution and extreme weather, and to safeguard and rebuild the economy, domestic manufacturing, infrastructure, environment, and natural resources of the United States.

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Submitted by: John Verdejo, North Carolina
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Denise Adams, North Carolina
Ray McKinnon, North Carolina
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Wayne Goodwin, Chair, North Carolina
Denise Adams, North Carolina
Shelia Huggins, North Carolina
Christopher Reeves, Kansas
Tanya Shively, Oregon
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Ai Jen Poo, At-Large/Illinois

Resolution Supporting Net Neutrality

WHEREAS, net neutrality is the principle that Internet service providers must treat all data on the internet the same, and not discriminate or charge differently by user, content, website, platform, application, type of attached equipment, or method of communication; and

WHEREAS, access to the internet is a basic precondition for full participation in our social, political, and economic life, allowing citizens to obtain information, conduct banking transactions, pay bills, apply for jobs, conduct research, communicate with each other and organize in support of, or in opposition to, government actions, thereby expanding citizen participation in our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the internet is a platform for free speech and free expression, and is now a principal source of news for 43 percent of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the internet is a vital public utility and it should be equally accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, net neutrality requires ISPs to provide equal and nondiscriminatory access to all users, thereby ensuring the internet remains vibrant and innovative, and creates a level playing field for large and small content providers; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission voted to repeal net neutrality rules on December 14, 2017;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party urge members of Congress to support federal legislation restoring net neutrality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party urge all state attorney generals in joining the 23 states already suing the FCC over its decision to end net neutrality.

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Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia
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Gus Bickford, Chair, Massachusetts
Rion Ramirez, At-Large/Washington

Resolution Stressing the Importance of Cybersecurity and Combating Foreign Interference in American Democracy

WHEREAS, it has been established that the Russian government interfered in the 2016 election by launching a multi-pronged attack on our democracy that included cyberattacks on the Democratic National Committee and other institutions and individuals associated with the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, the Russian government also attacked state boards of elections, secretaries of state, and other entities involved in the administration of our elections in advance of Election Day in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Russian interference campaign was conducted to sow discord and distrust in the democratic process, and

WHEREAS, other adversarial nation states and asymmetric actors have similar capabilities and present substantial threats to our way of life; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has not taken sufficient steps to send Russia and other potential adversaries a clear message that interference in our democracy will not be tolerated, nor have they provided adequate support to state and local authorities seeking to strengthen the security of their election systems; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. intelligence community has repeatedly warned that the Russian government's interference campaign is ongoing and that it will continue its assault on our democracy in 2018 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, this grave threat to our democracy should not be a partisan issue and addressing it will require a joint effort by both parties;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee, state parties, affiliate organizations and Democratic candidates must continue to be vigilant and take all necessary actions to protect their computer, data, information and communications technologies from domestic and international cyber-attacks of any kind; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee urges both parties to work together to explore best practices to protect and defend the United States in the electoral domain from foreign influence and interference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee urges candidates and campaigns to work with law enforcement and the appropriate authorities to inform the public of attacks on our electoral process as soon as possible and when such disclosures would not interfere with ongoing investigations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee stresses that campaigns must recognize that they can act as a key line of defense against the spread of false information by nefarious foreign state actors seeking to interfere in our electoral process, and must be vigilant about assisting in efforts to monitor, identify and disclose such activity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC urges members of both parties to enact new and tougher sanctions on the Russian Federation and any other nation state or asymmetric actor that seeks to harm our great Nation to send the message that interference in America's democratic process will not be tolerated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC calls on the Republican Party to join the Democratic Party in clearly and unambiguously repudiating foreign interference in American elections.

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Submitted by: Robert Martinez, At-Large/Texas

Resolution Supporting Efforts in Pursuit of 100 Percent “Buy American” for Defense Procurement

WHEREAS, Democrats believe that to ensure American national security, the United States must continue to have the strongest military in the world; and

WHEREAS, a strong national defense is essential to our national and economic security, and supports millions of American jobs, especially high-wage, high-skill and manufacturing jobs, many of which are unionized. Their work accounts for more than \$155 billion in wages and benefits and represents more than 3% of gross domestic product and is important for the health and competitiveness of many domestic industries, including aerospace, steel and aluminum, electronics, and communications; and

WHEREAS, the United States faces supply chain vulnerabilities in systems across all four branches of the military, on items including rare earth minerals, high-tech magnets, armor plate, specialty metals, semiconductors, telecommunications equipment, machine tools and more; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has made many defense purchases that ignore the intent and spirit of Buy American laws by deliberately exploiting loopholes in existing requirements, while some are simply direct and flagrant violations of the legal requirements of Buy American; and

WHEREAS, foreign purchases that violate the spirit, intent or letter of Buy American laws have led to the loss of good-paying jobs, depriving many Americans of a path to the middle class and reducing much-needed tax revenue for strained government budgets; and

WHEREAS, reliance on foreign sources for sensitive defense technologies and materials not produced in the United States threatens our security and compromises the competitiveness of our industrial base;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to fight for American jobs and American security, Democrats should commit to efforts to eliminate loopholes in laws intended to reduce U.S. reliance on foreign goods and technologies in pursuit of 100% Buy American standards for defense procurement.

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Submitted by: Scott Benson, Democratic Municipal Officials/Michigan
 Suzie Nakasian, Democratic Municipal Officials/Minnesota
 Greg Pettis, Democratic Municipal Officials/California
 Wendy Davis, Georgia
 John Verdejo, North Carolina
 Casey Steinau, Chair, Alaska

Resolution in Support of Immediate Action to Address the Shortfall of Federal Investment in National Infrastructure Funding

WHEREAS, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the AFL-CIO, and the North American Building Trades Unions estimate that the United States needs a minimum of \$4 trillion to address the investment shortfall relating to existing infrastructure needs around the country; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Democratic Platform calls for major federal investments to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure and build 21st century energy, water and transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Democratic Platform further acknowledges that federal investment in infrastructure will put millions of Americans to work with well-paying union jobs that accord with Davis-Bacon standards; and

WHEREAS, the continually mounting shortfall in infrastructure investment is causing our nation to fall behind our global competitors, undermining job creation, and constraining the economic growth and vitality of American communities of all sizes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee calls upon Congress to take action to remedy the shortfall in national infrastructure investment with increased federal funding that will provide the resources needed to implement a long-term infrastructure plan that grows our economy and creates good paying union jobs, and creative measures such as a national infrastructure fund on the model of Alexander Hamilton and the founding fathers.

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 Shelia Huggins, North Carolina
 Tanya Shively, Oregon
 Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota

Resolution for the Increased Adoption of Diversion Programs for the U.S. Prison System

WHEREAS, The United States of America has the highest incarceration rate in the developed world; and

WHEREAS, many of those incarcerated individuals are imprisoned for non-violent offenses; and

WHEREAS, mentally ill individuals without the means to seek mental health treatment often end up in our prisons and jails, with some committing offenses intentionally as a means of seeking treatment; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the prison-industrial complex, fed by the private prison industry, is not only economically unsustainable, it is morally reprehensible and must be addressed; and

WHEREAS, it has been proven both domestically and internationally that diversion and rehabilitation programs substantially lower the recidivism rate for first-time offenders and the mentally ill;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Federal, State, and local governments should institute, implement, and adopt a variety of economic and societal diversion policies to address the issues enumerated above and close private prisons and detention centers.

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Resolution Supporting Local Democracy

WHEREAS, local governments are closely connected to the needs of their communities and are uniquely positioned to pass policies that reflect and act on the views and values of the people they represent; and

WHEREAS, the erosion of local regulatory powers and local control is a priority of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and its corporate funders as part of a nationally-driven conservative agenda to deny and distort representative democracy and must be countered; and

WHEREAS, state preemption has been abused by Republican-controlled state legislatures to prevent local governments from enacting policies that would benefit middle class and working families, such as minimum wage increases, paid sick leave and other economic, health and safety policies that protect and improve the lives of people; and

WHEREAS, state preemption laws are increasingly being used to overturn election results, ignoring the will of the voters and eroding faith in the principle of majority rule; and

WHEREAS, our representative democracy is strongest when elected officials at each level of government work together to address the issues facing their constituents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee affirms the Democratic Party's commitment to local democracy, to the power of local government to improve on state standards, and in the absence of state law, pass policies that reflect their communities' needs, values and votes.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: John Verdejo, North Carolina
 Aisha Dew, North Carolina
 Denise Adams, North Carolina
 Ray McKinnon, North Carolina
 Cliff Moone, North Carolina
 Wayne Goodwin, Chair, North Carolina
 Denise Adams, North Carolina
 Shelia Huggins, North Carolina
 Tanya Shively, Oregon
 Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota
 Charles Rodriguez, Chair, Puerto Rico
 Johanne Velez, Puerto Rico
 Maria Melendez, Puerto Rico
 Luis Davila, Puerto Rico
 Casey Steinau, Chair, Alaska
 Rion Ramirez, At-Large/Washington
 Ai Jen Poo, At-Large/Illinois

Resolution Calling for More Disaster Aid to Puerto Rico

WHEREAS, the people of Puerto Rico are U.S. citizens since the 1917 Jones Act; and

WHEREAS, in September 2017 Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico and the damage has been estimated at \$90 billion; the estimated number of deaths at 1,000 or more, with many of them attributable to the after-effects of the hurricane such as lack of food, water, medical resources, and housing shortages; and

WHEREAS, in October, when President Trump was tossing rolls of paper towels to flooded-out hurricane victims, he offered lavish promises of aid and said Wall Street lenders were “going to say goodbye” to Puerto Rico’s \$73 billion debt; but the debt was not written off, and disaster relief aid has been inadequate and piecemeal; even eleven months after the hurricane, Puerto Ricans were still experiencing island-wide blackouts and many were without regular electricity it has also been revealed by a former White House aide that President Trump referred to Puerto Ricans with derogatory terms many times while delaying much needed aid to Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, when five months after Congress approved a \$4.7 billion disaster relief loan the U.S. Treasury Department sent the money, reducing the amount to \$2 billion without providing any explanation; Puerto Rico’s governor warned that the move puts the territory in a “dangerous financial dilemma” and that his administration could be forced to cut some essential services; and

WHEREAS, more than a million low-income Puerto Ricans are in danger of losing health care because the territory’s Medicaid program will soon be unable to pay providers; Federal spending is capped by law and is reimbursed 15 to 20 percent of total Medicaid costs; and

WHEREAS, The GOP tax bill treats Puerto Rico as a foreign country, imposing a 12.5 percent tax on the income that U.S. companies there receive from intellectual property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. Treasury make available to Puerto Rico additional funds immediately and without conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congress brings to the floor a revised and comprehensive disaster aid and reconstruction grant package; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congress enact provisions to the tax code for Puerto Rico to be treated not as a foreign jurisdiction, but as a domestic jurisdiction in order to protect the island's tax base and promote local economic development; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Congress pass legislation to allow for equal treatment relating to health care, public education, and other federal programs along with bringing to finality Puerto Rico's territorial relationship to the United States.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Tanya Shively, Oregon
Christine Pelosi, California
Matt Keating, Oregon
Travis Nelson, Oregon
Laurence Zakson, California
Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota
Casey Steinau, Chair, Alaska

Resolution Regarding Faith-based Discrimination Against LGBTQ+ Community

WHEREAS, the term “freedom of religion” is being misused by politicians to license discrimination, persecution, and prosecution against members of the LGBTQ+ community in the form of proposed legislation such as bathroom bills, First Amendment Defense Acts, and Religious Freedom Restoration Acts; and,

WHEREAS, lobbying by evangelical political organizations (e.g., The Heritage Foundation) and Donald Trump’s Evangelical Advisory Board has helped lead efforts to ban transgender persons from military service; and

WHEREAS, the term “freedom of religion” is used by religious organizations, businesses, corporations, governors, and members of national and state legislatures to deny women access to contraception, family planning, and the right to choose; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice has established a “Religious Liberty” Task Force to fully implement Donald Trump’s Executive Order #13798 (issued May 4, 2017) to issue guidance interpreting “religious liberty” protection in Federal Law;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee affirms its commitment to full equality for LGBTQ+ Americans and condemns any license to discriminate based on sexual orientation or identity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no person, church, religion, political organization, business, or corporate entity has the right to abrogate the rights of others; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the right of all persons to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness can neither be denied nor legislated away.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Yasmine Taeb, Virginia
Nikema Williams, Georgia
Ai Jen Poo, At-Large, Illinois

Resolution Supporting Better Accountability and Transparency for Law Enforcement Officers

WHEREAS, innovations in media’s ability to promote discourse in the public square has facilitated a growing public awareness of certain communities’ experiences with law enforcement, many experiences of which are negative or end in unwarranted violence; and

WHEREAS, federal, state, and local agencies employing sworn law enforcement officers are not required to submit annual reports to their community and the U.S. Department of Justice regarding the number, types, and outcomes of incidents involving use of force by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the regulations guiding law enforcement and other criminal justice officers’ use of force against the people varies by jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that there are police officers across America doing their jobs honorably and demonstrating that they can keep their communities safe without unnecessary use of force. They deserve our respect, and we should learn from their example and build on what works; and

WHEREAS, a critical component of reducing the number of officer-involved shootings and injuries or deaths related to excessive use of force is de-escalation training. De-escalation training can equip law enforcement and other criminal justice officials with the skills necessary to assess, approach, interact, and resolve situations in a non-violent manner; and

WHEREAS, the myriad cases of law enforcement officers and departments acting as though they are “above the law” has eroded the people’s trust in government, made people feel unsafe, and discouraged interaction with law enforcement, especially in communities of color;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party strongly supports a fact-based and fair media that will continue to inform the public about the people’s interactions and experiences with law enforcement and the criminal justice system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party platform supports investing in de-escalation training for officers; creating national guidelines for the appropriate use of force; requiring the use of body cameras; ending racial profiling and reporting national data on policing strategies; requiring the Department of Justice to investigate all questionable or suspicious police-involved shootings; encouraging states and localities to make those investigations and prosecutions more transparent, including through reforming the grand jury process; and rebuilding the bonds of trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Lily Eskelson-Garcia, At-Large/Utah
Randi Weingarten, At-Large/New York
Carrie Pugh, At-Large/District of Columbia
Betty Richie, Texas
Sylvia Wilson, Pennsylvania
Gus Bickford, Chair, Massachusetts
Ai Jen Poo, At-Large/Illinois

Commending Educators' Efforts to Use Their Voices to Bring Positive Change to Public Schools

WHEREAS, educators have long inspired generations of children to secure the opportunity they deserve and to fulfill the dreams they desire; and

WHEREAS, that means that every child should have access to a well-funded neighborhood public school that is safe and welcoming, and that every educator should be treated as professionals, with access to the resources they need to teach and support their students; and

WHEREAS, our public schools play many crucial roles in our society—creating a common civic culture vital to protecting our increasingly fragile democracy, preparing our young people for engagement in that democracy, and ensuring that young people and our nation have a workforce with the skills needed to succeed, advance and compete economically; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a vested interest in supporting all public school students and our public school system because a vibrant democracy and economy depends on it; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a moral obligation to support our most vulnerable and at-risk children with even more investment, as the chances our children have for success should not depend on working families affording private school or living in the right ZIP code; and

WHEREAS, chronic underfunding of public schools has undermined our public schools and other vital services students rely upon. It has made it harder to recruit and retain teachers, shifting the costs of health care and pensions onto individual educators. Meanwhile, wages in many states are not keeping up with inflation, forcing many educators to work two, three or four jobs to survive. Twenty-five states still spend less on K-12 education than they did prior to the recession. The average teacher salary in 2018 is lower in 38 states than it was in 2009, and the student-to-teacher ratio in 2016 was worse in 35 states than it was in 2008; and

WHEREAS, according to the *New York Times*, by 2016, more than half of states controlled by Democrats had restored education spending per pupil to 2009 levels, but the same was true in only five of 22 states controlled by Republicans. And in many of the states controlled by Republicans, lawmakers chose to cut taxes for the rich at the expense of public schools; and

WHEREAS, the federal role in ensuring educational opportunity is essential, and educators working with parents and community leaders have beaten back attempts to cut funding, and remain the best chance of helping today's students become tomorrow's leaders; and

WHEREAS, Red for Ed, the Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools, WeChoose, 55 United and so many other grass-roots movements have grown in the last decade and have galvanized educators and support personnel, parents and students to work arm-in-arm to fight privatization and austerity and to secure sustainable support for public schools and funds to make sure students have access to the latest textbooks, technology, tools and resources they need; and

WHEREAS, there is power in numbers—members and affiliates of the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers, supported by their national unions, have led these collective efforts to hold policymakers accountable in several states, such as Arizona, Colorado, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oklahoma and West Virginia, and have made their voices heard against insurmountable odds to impact teaching and learning conditions to benefit students and classrooms; and

WHEREAS, parents and communities support investments in public education, teachers unions and the Red for Ed movement. According to recent polls, just 1 in 4 Americans believes teachers in this country are paid fairly, 78 percent support increased teacher pay, nearly two-thirds approve of national teachers unions, three-quarters agree teachers have the right to strike and 80 percent support teacher protests and walkouts; and

WHEREAS, the ranks of empowered educators are building across this country, and they are working with parents and community leaders to make positive change a reality in their public schools to ensure opportunity for their students by building plans to close persistent access, achievement, opportunity and equity gaps;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee commends the Red for Ed movement of educators as well as the other grassroots groups that have emerged, such as the Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools and WeChoose, for helping lead the charge to advance public education in America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC will support educators for their tireless efforts to inspire, teach and support the next generation of students, and encourages all policymakers at the local, state and national levels to build on this momentum to support America's educators who are part of the Red for Ed and other grassroots movements and who are fighting for strong, supported, fully-funded and equitable public education systems.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin
 Ken Martin, ASDC President/Minnesota
 Lorraine Miller, At-Large/Texas
 Leah Daughtry, At-Large/New York
 Rion Ramirez, At-Large/Washington
 Martha Laning, Chair, Wisconsin
 Eric Bauman, Chair, California
 Trav Robertson, Chair, South Carolina
 Jane Kleeb, Chair, Nebraska
 William McCurdy II, Chair, Nevada
 Nancy Mills, Chair, Pennsylvania
 Sandy Opstvedt, Iowa
 Barry Goodman, Michigan
 Janet May, Alabama
 Brandon Dillon, Michigan
 Bert Marley, Idaho
 Morgan Carroll, Chair, Colorado
 Michael McHale, Louisiana
 Judy Mount, Florida
 Phil Bartlett, Chair, Maine
 Lizette Delgado-Polanco, New Jersey
 Betty Richie, Texas
 Casey Steinau, Chair, Alaska
 Nikema Williams, Georgia
 Ai Jen Poo, At-Large, Illinois

Resolution Recognizing Taiwan as a Vital, Constructive and Reliable Partner in Asia, Supporting its Freedom from Coercion and its Ability to Make Positive Contributions to the International Community

WHEREAS, Taiwan's transformation from an island ruled by martial law to a beacon of democracy, freedom, and human rights is a democratic success story and a model for the Indo-Pacific region and the world;

WHEREAS, Taiwan enjoys a robust partnership with the U.S. through economic, security, and cultural ties -- illustrated by the fact that Taiwan is America's 11th largest trading partner and 7th largest source of international students -- and the United States welcomes Congress's recent passage of the Taiwan Travel Act, which will encourage visits and exchanges of officials at all levels from both countries; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is facing the increasing threat of Chinese economic coercion and political influence operations, including the latest incident involving Beijing's pressuring of American companies and airlines to change their designation for Taiwan on their websites; and

WHEREAS, the decision in 2018 to deny Taiwan an invitation to participate in the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer was deeply troubling given that diseases have no borders and Taiwan has made important contributions to public health and development; and

WHEREAS, the United States strongly supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in functional international organizations, including the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL); and

WHEREAS, with the recent switch of diplomatic recognition by Panama, the Dominican Republic and Burkina Faso from Taipei to Beijing, the United States finds Chinese moves to strip Taiwan of its diplomatic allies to be troubling and is concerned about the attempts to close off the international space of Taiwan and to alter the status quo unilaterally; and

WHEREAS, the United States upholds its commitment under the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 and the Six Assurances of 1982, making available to Taiwan defense articles and services necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capacity to resist coercion and deter aggression and to give it the means to engage constructively with China through strength;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, (1) The Democratic National Committee (DNC) reaffirms its steadfast and staunch support for Taiwan's democracy and freedom from coercion; and (2) The DNC recognizes Taiwan as a vital, constructive and reliable partner in Asia, and supports the deepening of the bonds of friendship between our peoples; and (3) The DNC supports Taiwan's effort to urge China to immediately cease its aggressive behavior, and to ensure that Taiwan has the ability to make positive contributions to the international community.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Yasmine Taeb, Virginia
Keith Ellison, DNC Deputy Chair/Minnesota
Tanya Shively, Oregon

Resolution Calling Upon Congress to Reassert its Congressional War Powers and Expressing Support for Bipartisan Efforts to Establish Congressional Oversight of U.S. Military Involvement In Yemen

WHEREAS, the Constitution gives Congress the sole power to declare war; and

WHEREAS, the framers of the Constitution understood that the monumental decision to go to war, which can result in massive death and the destruction of civilized society, must be made by the representatives of the people and not by a single person; and

WHEREAS, as stated by section 2(c) of the War Powers Resolution (Public Law 93–148; 50 U.S.C. 1541), “the constitutional powers of the President as Commander-in-Chief to introduce United States Armed Forces into hostilities, or into situations where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances, are exercised only pursuant to (1) a declaration of war, (2) specific statutory authorization, or (3) a national emergency created by attack upon the United States, its territories or possessions, or its armed forces”; and

WHEREAS, the War Powers Resolution stipulates in section 8(c) that for the purposes of the WPR, “introduction” of U.S. forces into “hostilities” includes the assignment to “command, coordinate, participate in the movement of, or accompany” foreign forces when such forces are engaged in hostilities “or there exists an imminent threat that such forces will become engaged in hostilities”; and

WHEREAS, bipartisan concern and action regarding the U.S.’s involvement in the conflict in Yemen underscores the need for Congress to reclaim its constitutionally-designated authority by setting clear parameters around where and when our nation uses military force; and

WHEREAS, the importance of restoring proper Congressional oversight and debate in these matters is further underscored by the humanitarian crisis that has resulted from the conflict in Yemen, where millions of human beings are on the brink of famine and more than a million people have contracted cholera; and

WHEREAS, lawmakers, analysts and U.S. officials have expressed concern that the war in Yemen has strengthened Al Qaeda;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee encourages diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict and end the humanitarian crisis in Yemen, bipartisan efforts to establish Congressional oversight of the U.S. military’s involvement in the conflict in

Yemen, and to more generally reassert the legislative branch's constitutional role in determining when and if the United States uses military force in foreign conflicts.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Susie Shannon, California
 Eric Bauman, California
 Carrie Pugh, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Chris Reeves, Kansas
 Cliff Moone, North Carolina
 John Verdejo, North Carolina
 Winston Apple, Missouri
 Christine Pelosi, California
 Michelle Deatrack, Michigan
 Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota
 Curtis Wylde, Missouri
 Terry Tucker, Colorado
 Jeri Shepherd, Colorado
 Jeion Ward, Virginia
 Ai Jen Poo, At-Large/Illinois

Resolution to Establish the DNC Council on Poverty

WHEREAS, the official poverty rate in the United States is 12.7 percent, based on the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2016 estimates, with an estimated 40.6 million Americans living in poverty according to the official measure; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 553,742 people in the United States experiencing homelessness on a given night, according to the most recent national point-in-time estimate (January 2017); and

WHEREAS, in 2016, 41.2 million Americans lived in food-insecure households, including 28.3 million adults and 12.9 million children suffering from hunger; and

WHEREAS, housing insecurity in impoverished communities is associated with increased homelessness, poor health, and developmental risk among young children; and

WHEREAS, our Democratic Party principles and traditions dictate that we advocate for those in underserved and impoverished communities; and

WHEREAS, our Democratic Party Platform states that ‘We affirm our commitment to eliminate poverty. Democrats will develop a national strategy, coordinated across all levels of government, to combat poverty. We will direct more federal resources to lifting up communities that have been left out and left behind’; and

WHEREAS, the mechanism of a Council amplifies the voices of communities not fully heard and works to increase engagement of and dialogue on issues related to low income communities within the Party;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC establish a Council on Poverty which will seek to give voice to those living in or at risk of falling into poverty and seek greater collaboration on shared priorities with low income/impooverished communities and the Democratic Party.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland
Rion Ramirez, At-Large/Washington
Ai Jen Poo, At-Large/Illinois

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Daniel Akaka

WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka was born on September 11, 1924, in Honolulu, HI; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school in Hawaii, he served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and after his service he earned his bachelor's and master's degree in education from the University of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, in 1953 he was a high school teacher in Honolulu, a few years later he was then given the position of vice principal, and in 1963 he became the principal; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Akaka joined the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and later served as director of the Hawaii Office of Economic Opportunity, Special Assistant for Human Resources for Governor George Ariyoshi, and director of the Progressive Neighborhoods Program; and

WHEREAS, Akaka was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1976, was the first native Hawaiian elected to Congress, and re-elected six times, all by wide margins; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Waihee appointed Akaka to the U.S. Senate in April 1990, where he served until 2013; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Senate, Akaka served as the Chair of the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the United States Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2018, he passed away in Honolulu, HI;

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

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At Large/District of Columbia
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas
Nikema Williams, Georgia
Ai Jen Poo, At-Large, Illinois

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Linda Brown

WHEREAS, Linda Brown was born on February 20, 1943, in Topeka, KS; and

WHEREAS, Brown was the student at the center of the landmark case ***Brown v. Board of Education***, which led to the outlawing of U.S. school segregation in 1954; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from high school in Springfield, MO, then studied early education at Washburn College and then Kansas State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1979 she joined the American Civil Liberties Union in reopening Brown v Board of Education, where she argued that the desegregation in Topeka's schools was still incomplete; and

WHEREAS, she was an accomplished public speaker on civil rights and educational issues; and

WHEREAS, Linda Brown passed away on March 25, 2018, at the age of 75;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Linda Brown for her contributions to our country and offers its condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: James Roosevelt, At-Large/Massachusetts
Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia
Elaine Kamarck, At-Large/Massachusetts
Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia
Barbara Lee, At-Large/California
Gus Bickford, Chair, Massachusetts
Debra Kozikowski, Massachusetts
Kathleen Donaghue, Massachusetts
Deborah Goldberg, Massachusetts
David O'Brien, Massachusetts
Melvin Poindexter, Massachusetts
Susan Thomson, Massachusetts

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Chuck Campion

WHEREAS, Charles “Chuck” Michael Campion was born on August 20, 1955, in Boston, MA; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school in Boston, he went to the University of Massachusetts, where he received a bachelor’s degree in political science in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Campion was a co-founder of the Dewey Square Group, a political consultancy, and a key operative for presidential candidates, including Walter F. Mondale, John Kerry, and Hillary Clinton; and

WHEREAS, he spent his career helping Democrats seek the highest office in the land and trained a legion of young political operatives inspired by his commitment to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2018, Chuck Campion passed away; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kerry said Campion “was a magician in understanding a community he hadn’t been into. He ran Michigan for me, and we won Michigan”;

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

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Barbara Lee, California
Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia
Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Ron Dellums

WHEREAS, Ron Dellums was born in Oakland, CA; and

WHEREAS, he attended McClymonds High School and Oakland Technical High School and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1954-1956; and

WHEREAS, Dellums received his A.A. degree from Oakland City College, his B.A. from San Francisco State, and his M.S.W. from the University of California at Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, he became a psychiatric social worker and a political activist in the African American community in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Dellums also taught at San Francisco State and the University of California at Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Berkeley City Council from 1967-1970 and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1970, where he was at the center of most major liberal movements in the 1970s and 1980s; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Dellums began his fight to end apartheid and 14 years later Congress passed his anti-apartheid legislation, which called for a trade restriction against South Africa and immediate divestment by all American companies; and

WHEREAS, while in Congress, Dellums served as chair of the House Committee on the District of Columbia and the House Armed Services Committees; and

WHEREAS, he retired from Congress in 19987, and in 2006 he was elected mayor of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2018 Ron Dellums passed away at his home in Washington, DC, from cancer; and

WHEREAS, California U.S. Representative Barbara Lee, who replaced Dellums in Congress, called him “the father of progressive politics;”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Ron Dellums for his contributions to our country and offers its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Herman Farrell

WHEREAS, Herman Daniel “Denny” Farrell was born on February 4, 1932 in Manhattan, NY; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from George Washington High School in Washington Heights, NY; and

WHEREAS, Farrell was elected to the New York Assembly in 1974; and

WHEREAS, he was a longtime Chair of the State Assembly Ways and Means Committee, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Banks in 1979, a member of the Assembly Rules Committee, and the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian Legislative Caucus; and

WHEREAS, he played a pivotal role in the passage of several significant pieces of legislation including the Omnibus Consumer Protection and Bank Legislation Act, and the passage of the Neighborhood Preservation Companies Act; and

WHEREAS, he was elected as the Leader of the New York County Democratic Committee and Vice -Chair of New York State Democratic Party in 1981, he also served as the Chairman of the New York State Democratic Committee in 2001 and was a member of the Democratic National Committee; and

WHEREAS, Richard L. Brodsky, a former Democratic assemblyman from Westchester, called Farrell “the exemplar of the kind of compromising and deal-making politician that all of a sudden everybody longs for”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Denny Farrell for his contributions to our country and offers its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland
Yvette Lewis, Maryland

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Kevin Kamenetz

WHEREAS, Kevin Kamenetz was born November 26, 1957 in Lochearn, MD; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school in Maryland, he received his bachelor's degree at Johns Hopkins University in 1979 and graduated with his Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Kamenetz served on the Democratic State Central Committee for three terms and served as the Baltimore County Chair during his last term; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Baltimore County Council for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 he was elected Baltimore County Executive and launched Baltimore County's landmark "Schools for Our Future" program, which modernized learning environments, eliminating existing and projected overcrowding, and improving safety for Baltimore schools; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Kamenetz was elected President of the Maryland Association of Counties, a nonprofit organization that serves Maryland's counties by articulating the needs of local government to the Maryland General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, he served on the board of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, and the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Board of Visitors; and

WHEREAS, Kamenetz was a candidate in the Democratic primary for Governor of Maryland, when he died suddenly on May 10, 2018 of cardiac arrest; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Kevin Kamenetz for his contributions to our country and offers its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/ Wisconsin
Martha Laning, Chair, Wisconsin
Carrie Pugh, At-Large/District of Columbia
Khary Penebaker, Wisconsin
Martha Love, Wisconsin
Janet Bewley, Wisconsin
David Bowen, Wisconsin
Andrew Werthmann, Wisconsin
Mahlon Mitchell, Wisconsin

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Peg Lautenschlager

WHEREAS, Peg Lautenschlager was born on November 22, 1955 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Lake Forest College in 1977 where she double majored in history and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lautenschlager devoted her life to serving the people of Wisconsin, where she broke down barriers for women in the state and fought for environmental protection, voters' rights, and health care access for over three decades; and

WHEREAS, she began her career by practicing family and domestic abuse law before being elected as the district attorney for Winnebago County, becoming the first woman to hold this office; and

WHEREAS, when she was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 1988, she unseated a Republican incumbent who had held the seat for 32 years by running a progressive, grassroots campaign; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, President Bill Clinton appointed Ms. Lautenschlager the United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin and she became the chief federal law enforcement officer for 44 counties; while holding this position, she was later appointed to the Attorney General's Advisory Committee as the first ever Wisconsinite to serve on the committee; and

WHEREAS, she ran a successful campaign in 2002 for Attorney General of Wisconsin, becoming the first woman to hold the position, and served the people of Wisconsin for 4 years; and

WHEREAS, following her tenure as attorney general, she continued her devotion to public service in a number of ways, including serving as the Chair of the Wisconsin Ethics Commission; and

WHEREAS, she was extremely active with Emerge Wisconsin, including serving as an advisory board member; and

WHEREAS, she was named as the Emerge Wisconsin 2015 Woman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lautenschlager has been praised for being a trailblazer for women in Wisconsin and mentor and role model to many; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2018, Peg Lautenschlager passed away at her home in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin after a battle with breast cancer;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Peg Lautenschlager for her service to the state of Wisconsin and to the nation and offers its deepest condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin
Martha Laning, Chair, Wisconsin
Khary Penebaker, Wisconsin
Martha Love, Wisconsin
Janet Bewley, Wisconsin
David Bowen, Wisconsin
Andrew Werthmann, Wisconsin
Mahlon Mitchell, Wisconsin
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Vel Phillips

WHEREAS, Vel Phillips was born on February 18, 1923, in Milwaukee, WI, to Russell and Thelma Rodgers; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a national oratory scholarship from the Black Elks, she attended Howard University, graduating in 1946; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, she became the first black woman to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, where she received her L.L.B. degree; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips married fellow attorney W. Dale Phillips and, with him, became the first husband-wife team admitted to the federal bar in Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips devoted her entire life to equality and civil rights, taking on a leading role of the NAACP in Wisconsin as a young professional; and

WHEREAS, she was elected the first woman ever to sit on Milwaukee's Common Council, and during her time on the council, advocated for fair housing, introducing the city's open-housing ordinance in 1962 and championing it until its passage in 1968; and

WHEREAS, she became the first African American elected to the national committee of a major political party and served with distinction, even knowing Presidents John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter on a first-name basis; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips became the first female judge in Milwaukee County, the first African American to serve in Wisconsin's judiciary, and the first woman and the first African American elected as Secretary of State; and,

WHEREAS, even in retirement, Phillips continued to serve her community through organizations such as America's Black Holocaust Museum, the NAACP, and Wisconsin Conservatory of Music; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips founded the Vel Phillips Foundation, which continues to work for justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips received such distinctions as the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Wisconsin Alumni Association and had a residence hall at the University of Wisconsin-Madison named in her honor; and,

WHEREAS, Vel Phillips passed away on April 17, 2018;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Vel Phillips's years of service to our country, the civil rights movement and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Dovey Johnson Roundtree

WHEREAS, Dovey Johnson Roundtree was born in Charlotte, NC, on April 17, 1914; and

WHEREAS, she attended Spelman College and graduated in 1938 with a double major in English and biology; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Spelman, Roundtree taught 7th and 8th grade in Chester, SC, before moving to Washington, D.C., to work with Mary McLeod Bethune at the National Council of Negro Women; and

WHEREAS, when the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was established in 1942, Roundtree joined and was based in Iowa, where she risked court-martial by confronting white officers about segregationist practices; and

WHEREAS, she began to consider studying law in order to fight the social injustice she was seeing and entered Howard University's law school in 1947 on the G.I. Bill, where she was one of five women in her class; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Howard Law School in 1950, Roundtree was admitted to the District of Columbia bar, where she became the first African American admitted to the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, she was instrumental in securing a ban on racial segregation in interstate bus travel; and

WHEREAS, after the A.M.E. Church approved the full ordination of women, she entered Howard University's divinity school and became one of the first women to be ordained as a minister, while still continuing to practice law; and

WHEREAS, Roundtree practiced law into her 80s and in the later years specialized in domestic and juvenile cases; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2018, Dovey Johnson Roundtree passed away at the age of 104 in Charlotte, NC;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Dovey Johnson Roundtree for her contributions to our country and offers its condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Louise Slaughter

WHEREAS, Louise McIntosh Slaughter was born on August 14, 1929, in Harlan County, KY; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school in Somerset, KY, she attended the University of Kentucky, where she received a bachelor's degree in microbiology in 1951 and received her master's degree in Public Health in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Slaughter entered politics after fighting to protect a stand of beech maple forest near her home in Rochester, NY, and was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1982; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where she became the first female chair of the House Rules Committee and remained its ranking member at the time of her death; and

WHEREAS, during her time in the U.S. House, Slaughter was an advocate for women's access to health care and abortion; co-wrote the Violence Against Women Act, a law aimed at curbing domestic abuse and aiding its victims; passed an ethics bill to tighten lobbying rules and a bill banning insider trading by lawmakers; and helped with the passage of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2018, Louise Slaughter passed away at a hospital in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, DNC Chair Tom Perez said "Louise was a trailblazer and fierce advocate for women's rights. From fighting for equal pay and LGBTQ rights to combating the scourge of domestic violence and sexual assault, she was committed to the values of diversity, equality, and justice for all people. And as the only microbiologist in Congress, she worked tirelessly to protect our environment and expand access to STEM education for women, minorities, and people with disabilities."; and

WHEREAS, New York Assemblyman and DNC Vice Chair Michael Blake said she was "the epitome of a shero, and a true public servant. As a pioneer for women and marginalized communities across New York and the country, she leaves a strong legacy of always striving to make the lives of hard working Americans better.";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Louise Slaughter for her contributions to our country and offers its condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Togo West

WHEREAS, Togo Dennis West Jr. was born on June 21, 1942, in Winston-Salem, NC; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school in North Carolina, he attended Howard University, where he received a bachelor's degree in engineering in 1965 and a Juris Doctorate in 1968 from Howard University Law School, where he graduated first in his class; and

WHEREAS, after clerking for a federal judge, West joined the U.S. Army, where he served in the Judge Associate General's Corps; and

WHEREAS, from 1977-1981, he held several posts in the administration of President Jimmy Carter and in 1981, he returned to the private sector; and

WHEREAS, West was appointed Secretary of the Army by President Bill Clinton and served in this position from 1993-1998, where he orchestrated the rise in number of opportunities for women in the military and took action in investigating senior officials for sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, President Clinton appointed West Secretary of Veterans Affairs, where he served until 2000; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 he returned to the private sector, where he practiced law and served on the boards of a number of institutions; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2018, Togo West passed away at the age of 75 from a heart attack while on a cruise ship in the Caribbean;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Togo Dennis West, Jr. for his contributions to our country and offers its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee's Executive Committee at its meeting on August 23, 2018, in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Troy Price, Chair, Iowa
Andrea Phillips, Vice Chair, Iowa
Jan Bauer, At-Large/Iowa
Scott Brennan, Iowa
Sandy Opstvedt, Iowa

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Leonard Leroy Boswell

WHEREAS, Leonard Leroy Boswell was born in Harrison County, MO, on January 10, 1934; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boswell was a graduate of Graceland University, in Lamoni, IA; and

WHEREAS, he was a decorated member of the United States Military, having been drafted in 1956 and rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, during his 20-year military career, Mr. Boswell earned two Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars, the Soldier's Medal, and various other awards and decorations after serving two tours of duty as an assault helicopter pilot in Vietnam and two NATO tours of duty in Europe; and

WHEREAS, he returned to Iowa in 1976 with his wife Dody and their three children, and was an outspoken advocate for agriculture and rural America, especially during the Farm Crisis of the 1980's; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boswell turned his passion for agriculture and veterans into political action when he was elected to the Iowa State Senate in 1984 and rose to become the President of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, following an unsuccessful run for Lt. Governor in 1994, Mr. Boswell was elected to the United States Congress in 1996, beginning a 16-year career – most of which was as the lone Iowa Democratic Representative in the House; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he was a steadfast advocate for his district and his state, fighting for veterans assistance, expanding opportunities for farmers and rural communities, flood control projects, and student aid; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boswell returned to his farm in 2012, but remained as active as ever by chairing the Iowa Transportation Commission and advocating for rural communities and Democratic candidates across the state; and

WHEREAS, after a long illness, which he believed was caused by exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War, Mr. Boswell died on August 17, 2018;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honors the life and distinguished service of Representative Leonard Leroy Boswell, and sends its thoughts to his family and many loved ones.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee's Executive Committee at its meeting on August 23, 2018, in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, Chair/Maryland

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Ken Carter

WHEREAS, Ken Carter grew up in the Calliope public housing development in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, he received a B.A. in political science from the University of New Orleans and a J.D. from Loyola University in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Carter was a leader in the Black Organization for Leadership Development (BOLD) in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, he was a long-term president of the Freret Street Development Corporation and served as head of the New Orleans' Alcohol Beverage Control Board; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Carter was elected to the powerful post of assessor for the 1st Municipal District of New Orleans, which contains the central business district of the city; and

WHEREAS, Carter, who is the father of DNC Vice Chair and Louisiana state Senator Karen Carter Peterson, was the first African-American to serve as president of the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association and was deeply involved in the multi-state tobacco litigation, which resulted in large windfalls for state governments; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2018, Ken Carter passed away at his home in St. Francisville, LA, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, DNC Chairman Tom Perez said "Ken Carter was a trailblazer in New Orleans and his legacy will never be forgotten";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Ken Carter for his contributions to our country and offers its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee's Executive Committee at its meeting on August 23, 2018, in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Aretha Franklin

WHEREAS, Aretha Franklin was born on March 25, 1942, in Memphis, TN; and

WHEREAS, she began her career as a child singing gospel at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, MI, where her father was pastor; and

WHEREAS, she turned her focus to secular music in 1960 and by the end of the 60s, she had become known as the “Queen of Soul”; and

WHEREAS, Franklin played an important role in the civil rights movement, where her song “Respect” became an anthem for the movement; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, she toured with Harry Belafonte and Sidney Poitier to raise money for Martin Luther King’s Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, Franklin sang the national anthem at the 1968 Democratic National Convention and performed during the inaugural celebrations of Presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Franklin became the first female performer inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, former President George W. Bush presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Franklin, and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2018, Aretha Franklin passed away at her home in Detroit, MI, after a battle with pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jesse Jackson noted that Franklin “shared her points of view from the stage for challenged people, to register to vote, to stand up for decency”; and

WHEREAS, former President Bill Clinton said “She was elegant, graceful, and utterly uncompromising in her artistry. Aretha’s first music school was the church and her performances were powered by what she learned there”; and

WHEREAS, former President Barack Obama said “Aretha helped define the American experiences. In her voice, we could feel our history, all of it and in every shade – our power and our pain, our darkness and our light, our quest for redemption and our hard-won respect”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Aretha Franklin for her contributions to our nation and its people.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee's Executive Committee at its meeting on August 23, 2018, in Chicago, IL.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, Chair/Maryland

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Arvonne Fraser

WHEREAS, Arvonne Fraser was a founding mother of the Minnesota Democratic Farmer Labor Party; and

WHEREAS, from the start, Arvonne Fraser was a leading voice on women's issues; and

WHEREAS, after successfully leading President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale's 1976 campaign in the upper Midwest, Arvonne Fraser's work took her to Washington, D.C. and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Arvonne Fraser's international work included serving as coordinator of the Office of Women in Development, part of the U.S. Agency for International Development; serving as a U.S. Representative to the U.N Commission on the Status of Women; and being a member of the U.S. delegations to the first two U.N. World Conferences on Women; and

WHEREAS, Arvonne Fraser founded the Center on Women, Gender and Public Policy at the University of Minnesota Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs and worked to help more women become policymakers; and

WHEREAS, according to U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-Minnesota), some people in politics are all heart and some are all policy and numbers, but Arvonne Fraser understood both; and

WHEREAS, Arvonne Fraser ran her husband, Don Fraser's, campaigns for the Minnesota Senate, where he served from 1954 to 1962, and for the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served from 1963 to 1979 and ran herself as a candidate for lieutenant governor in Minnesota in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Arvonne Fraser served as the vice chairwoman of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party from 1956 to 1962; and

WHEREAS, Arvonne Fraser was a treasured mentor to many Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party leaders as well as women involved in politics throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Arvonne Fraser passed away on August 7, 2018;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Party celebrates Arvonne Fraser's accomplishments and commits that Democratic candidates will carry on her fight for women's rights.