

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

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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.