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33. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Giles Perkins
34. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Greg Pettis
35. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Michael Pitts
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37. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Carolyn Warner
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Resolution 20 was not considered for lack of movant and is not recommended for adoption.
Resolution 22 was not recommended for adoption.

The following Resolutions were adopted by the DNC's Executive Committee:

Resolution Honoring the Life and Public Service Career of Congressman John D. Dingell, Jr.

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Edwin D. Hill

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Barbra "Babs" Siperstein

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Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland
Jorge Quintana, Montana
Maya Rockeymoore Cummings, Chair, Maryland
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Betty Richie, Texas
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia,
Ronald Kaminski, Nebraska

Resolution to Celebrate Democrats Retaking the House and Nancy Pelosi Returning to the Speakership

WHEREAS, the American people overwhelmingly voted for Democrats to take back the House and get our country back on track; and

WHEREAS, with Nancy Pelosi at the helm, the speaker's gavel is finally back where it belongs; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Pelosi is one of the most effective legislators and leaders in our nation's history. In the depths of the Great Recession, her leadership helped steer our nation back to economic prosperity. And because of her tenacity, millions of Americans have benefited from the Affordable Care Act and its protections for those with pre-existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, under Speaker Ryan, Republicans tried to take affordable health care away from the American people. They handed out massive tax breaks for their wealthy friends while leaving working families behind. And they marched in lockstep with Donald Trump's regressive agenda, causing a disastrous government shutdown; and

WHEREAS, in November, voters spoke loud and clear: enough is enough. It's time to hold this administration accountable for its attacks on working families, civil rights, human rights, and the rule of law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party will keep fighting for the brighter future every American deserves – from affordable health care to an economy that works for all; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that under Speaker Pelosi and Democratic leadership in the House, we will restore the guardrails of our democracy and get our country back on track.

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Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland
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Ronald Kaminski, Nebraska
Betty Richie, Texas

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, the uninsured rate reached a record low at the end of the Obama administration thanks in large measure to the Affordable Care Act, which is saving lives; and

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

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has continued to use the powers of the presidency in ways intended to sabotage the ACA; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Americans believe it is "very important" to protect the ACA's protections for people with pre-existing conditions;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party and its grassroots partners are committed to reducing the financial burden associated with obtaining medical care; and

WHEREAS, the Kaiser Family Foundation 2018 Employer Health Benefits Annual Survey found that only 14 percent of covered workers with an annual out-of-pocket maximum have an out-of-pocket maximum below $2,000 for single coverage, while 20 percent have an out-of-pocket maximum of $6,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Reserve found more than one-fourth of adults skipped necessary medical care in 2017 due to being unable to afford the cost; and

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 care from millions of American families.

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Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution to Condemn President Trump for Causing the Longest Government Shutdown in American History, Hurting Working Families, and Damaging our Economy

WHEREAS, Donald Trump is responsible for the longest government shutdown in American history; and

WHEREAS, prior to the start of the shutdown, he said he would be "proud to shut down the government," and "proud to take the mantle" of the shutdown; and

WHEREAS, American workers have paid a terrible price for the Trump shutdown, with many federal employees forced to miss rent or childcare payments, sell homes, or wait in line at food banks to feed their families; and

WHEREAS, 800,000 federal workers and many contractors were not paid during the shutdown and at least 400,000 were considered essential and had to work without pay; and

WHEREAS, the overall productivity of all these federal workers is critical to the needs of the American people and many key industries would grind to a halt without their service. This includes estimated economic losses of an estimated 0.5% of GDP growth per month during the Trump shutdown; and

WHEREAS, Trump used these employees as a bargaining chip in his efforts to build a costly and ineffective border wall; and

WHEREAS, Trump's shutdown has also endangered our national security by depriving agencies such as the FBI and TSA of the resources they need to protect the American people; and

WHEREAS, despite the unnecessary pain inflicted on these public servants, Senate Leader Mitch McConnell refused to bring bills to the floor of the Senate for a vote as workers missed multiple paychecks; and

WHEREAS, House Democrats voted several times to reopen the government; and

WHEREAS, Democrats believe in funding effective border security measures and were prepared throughout the shutdown to work on a bipartisan immigration bill; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Americans opposed the shutdown, blamed Trump for causing it, did not support his wall, and supported the Democrats' efforts to reopen the government; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party commends federal workers for their sacrifice during the government shutdown and Members of Congress that either forego their pay or donate their income to charity, as well as those who have sponsored legislation to reimburse federal workers and contractors their lost wages, or to ban the practice of forced unpaid labor during any future lapse in government funding;

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that Democrats will keep fighting to win elections, restore humanity to our politics, and ensure that federal workers always receive the pay they are owed for the critical services they provide the American people.

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Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution to Celebrate the DNC's Role in the Democratic Party's 2018 Electoral Successes

WHEREAS, in the 2018 midterm elections, Democrats flipped 40 House seats and put the speaker's gavel back in Democratic hands, flipped seven governorships, flipped nearly 400 state legislative seats, gained seven new state legislative majorities, flipped 4 attorneys general seats, and broke four Republican supermajorities in state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, voters elected the most diverse group of candidates in our party's history – from the first Native American women in Congress to the youngest congresswoman, the first African American woman as New York's attorney general, and the first openly gay governor elected to office; and

WHEREAS, the DNC was instrumental in helping Democrats secure their victories with targeted investments, dedicated staff, organizing efforts, digital resources and other support; and

WHEREAS, the DNC has dramatically reorganized since the 2016 election with a new mission of electing Democrats from the school board to the Oval Office in every ZIP code; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the DNC has already begun scaling up the party's successful 2017 and 2018 strategies to ensure similar successes up and down the ballot through the 2020 presidential election; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Democrats will continue to celebrate our victories, work together to replicate our successful campaign strategies, and unify around our party platform in order to flip more seats at every level, take back the White House, and build a brighter future for all Americans.

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Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland
Travis Nelson, Oregon
John Verdejo, North Carolina
Clay Middleton, South Carolina

Resolution Encouraging all Contenders for the 2020 Presidential Nomination to Run Positive, Substantive Campaigns Focused on the Issues that Matter Most to Working Families

WHEREAS, the person we nominate as our 2020 candidate for president of the United States will need every advantage heading into the general election to ensure victory on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, Democrats inspire more voters and win more elections when our candidates focus on the kitchen table issues that matter most to working families; and

WHEREAS, a large number of qualified candidates are competing in our open primary for the nomination; and

WHEREAS, excessive negative campaigning and intra-party attacks during the primary could become detrimental to the ultimate success of our eventual nominee; and

WHEREAS, Democrats share a common goal of building an America that works for everyone; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Democrats put hope on the ballot, running positive campaigns that inspired millions of voters, and as a result, we had one of the most successful cycles in our party's history while electing our most diverse slate of candidates ever;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we encourage all candidates competing in the 2020 presidential primary process to avoid negative campaigning and personal attacks as much as possible; to run spirited, competitive, inspiring campaigns; and to hold civil, issues-focused debates with one another; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all Democrats involved in the 2020 primaries to unite behind our eventual presidential and vice presidential nominees and work together through the general election to ensure that we take back the White House.

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Betty Richie, Texas
Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota
Martha McDevitt-Pugh, Democrats Abroad

Resolution on Immigration Reform, Effective Border Security, Ending Family Separation Policies, and Protecting Dreamers

WHEREAS, we are a nation of immigrants, and we are strongest when we embrace our diversity and celebrate the talents of all who live here; and

WHEREAS, fixing our broken immigration system is one the Democratic Party's top priorities; and

WHEREAS, we believe in passing reforms that include an earned path to citizenship, and we should not accept reforms that would create two classes of people or waste taxpayer dollars on ineffective measures; and

WHEREAS, fixing our immigration system would boost our economy, strengthen our borders, and decrease our deficit; and

WHEREAS, our broken immigration system affects individuals of all races who want to work as contributing members of our society or who are seeking asylum; and

WHEREAS, Trump's attack on the DACA program goes against the will of almost 90% of Americans who want DACA recipients to stay in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Dreamers and TPS recipients are our neighbors and friends, our classmates and co-workers. They are American in every way but on paper, and they deserve the chance to stay in the country they call home.

WHEREAS, it is long past time for Trump to stop using them as bargaining chips and work with Democrats to fix our broken immigration system.

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

WHEREAS, at least 22 immigrants have died in the custody of President Trump's Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention centers over the past two years; and

WHEREAS, Trump has proposed a costly, ineffective border wall and treated federal workers like bargaining chips during the longest government shutdown in history instead of working with Congress on a comprehensive immigration plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DNC will continue to advocate for meaningful reforms and effective border security, demand the reunification of families and an end to Trump's family separation policy, fight to protect Dreamers and TPS recipients, and work to prevent wasteful spending on ineffective solutions like Trump's border wall.

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John Verdejo, North Carolina
Clay Middleton, South Carolina
Laurence Zakson, California
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Betty Richie, Texas
Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota
Adrianne George, Democrats Abroad
Martha McDevitt-Pugh, Democrats Abroad
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution on Protecting Voting Rights and Expanding Access to the Ballot

WHEREAS, every eligible voter has the right to make their voice heard at the ballot box; and

WHEREAS, preventing people from voting has been a key part of the Republican Party's playbook for decades — from voter roll purges to discriminatory voter ID laws; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, Ohio, and states across the country, Republicans have done everything in their power to block communities of color from exercising their constitutional rights at the ballot box; and

WHEREAS, such tactics are clearly discriminatory and have no place in our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Justice Department bucked decades of precedent and bipartisan support by reversing the department's position that the National Voter Registration Act prohibited voter roll purges like those enacted by Ohio Republicans; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of our democracy became stronger thanks to the activists, organizers, and voters in Florida who voted overwhelmingly in the last election to restore voting rights to more than a million of their neighbors with felony convictions; and

WHEREAS, the DNC remains committed to fighting for access to the ballot box through voter education, litigation, a dedicated voter protection hotline and working with allied partners, including state parties; and

WHEREAS, the new House Democratic caucus has proposed the For the People Act to restore the Voting Rights Act and make it easier to vote;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Democrats will continue fighting to make it easier for people to vote, to get more people to participate in our elections, and to ensure that each and every eligible voter can exercise their right to vote without intimidation or restrictions.

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Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland
Virgie Rollins, DNC Black Caucus Chair/Michigan
Karen Carter Peterson, DNC Vice Chair/Louisiana
Michael Blake, DNC Vice Chair, New York
Jaime Harrison, DNC Associate Chair, South Carolina
Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia
Leah Daughtry, At-Large/New York
Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas
Travis Nelson, Oregon
Jorge Quintana, Montana
Maya Rockeymoore Cummings, Chair, Maryland
Yvette Lewis, Maryland
John Verdejo, North Carolina
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Adrianne George, Democrats Abroad
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution in Recognition of Black History Month

WHEREAS, this month, we honor and celebrate the enormous contributions African Americans have made to our country; and

WHEREAS, while we celebrate these accomplishments, we must also rededicate ourselves to the unfinished work of the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, whether in a classroom or a courtroom, a job interview or a traffic stop, African Americans continue to face systemic discrimination across our society. Nowhere is this more evident or more consequential than at the ballot box. In North Carolina, Ohio, and states across the country, Republicans have done everything in their power to block communities of color from exercising their constitutional rights at the ballot box. There's no doubt that preventing people from voting is a key part of their playbook — from voter roll purges to discriminatory voter ID laws to voter disenfranchisement. Such tactics are clearly discriminatory and have no place in our democracy; and

WHEREAS, Democrats believe we should be making it easier for Americans to vote, not harder. We know our democracy is stronger when more Americans can participate. And we've made it our priority to ensure that each and every eligible voter can exercise their right to vote without intimidation or restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution reads as follows: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by

any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." We must be vigilant in protecting that right every day in every community; and

WHEREAS, we know that the most important political battles are always hard-fought and that lasting progress is always hard-won;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as we celebrate Black History Month, let us recommit ourselves to the fight for equality. And let us not merely commemorate the accomplishments of African Americans, but ensure their voices are heard in our democracy.

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Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas
Julie Bryan, Chair, Democrats Abroad
Connie Borde, Democrats Abroad
John Eastwood, Democrats Abroad
Adrianne George, Democrats Abroad
Martha McDevitt-Pugh, Democrats Abroad
Alex Montgomery, Democrats Abroad
Kenneth Sherman, Democrats Abroad
Orlando Vidal, Democrats Abroad
Jorge Quintana, Montana
Tanya Shively, Oregon
Maya Rockeymoore Cummings, Chair, Maryland
John Verdejo, North Carolina
Laurence Zakson, California
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Betty Richie, Texas
Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution in Support of Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States does not explicitly grant equal rights to women, leaving "equal pay for equal work" without effective legal protection; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party platform expresses support for enshrining the rights of women in the Constitution by passing the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA); and

WHEREAS, nearly 47 years after Congress passed the ERA, only one more state must ratify the ERA to reach the 38-state threshold required for ratification; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution is silent on deadlines for the ratification of amendments; and the 27th Amendment was ratified more than 202 years after it was sent to the States; and

WHEREAS, Republican lawmakers across the country continue to attack women's rights; and

WHEREAS, the campaign to adopt the ERA has helped build momentum to address discrimination in health, pay, and economic opportunity, as well as to address the sexual harassment and abuse scandals highlighted by the #MeToo movement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee reaffirms the Democratic Party's commitment to ratifying the ERA and supports continued efforts by state and congressional lawmakers to adopt the Amendment.

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Martha McDevitt-Pugh, Democrats Abroad

Resolution Recommitting the Democratic Party to the Work of Combating Climate Change and Creating Jobs by Growing our Clean Energy Economy

WHEREAS, Democrats recognize that climate change is a present, urgent, and growing threat to our economy, our national security, and our future; and

WHEREAS, fighting climate change is both a moral imperative and one of the biggest economic opportunities of our time; and

WHEREAS, workers, communities of color and low-income Americans suffer disproportionately from environmental degradation and climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration and many Republican lawmakers continue to roll back essential protections for our environment, climate, and public health; and

WHEREAS, President Trump betrayed American workers when he pulled out of the Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Trump promised voters that he would be "the greatest jobs president God ever created," and instead opened the door for China to create millions of clean energy jobs that would have otherwise been based in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Trump has installed a former coal lobbyist as head of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, we must protect our planet from the threat of climate change while creating good jobs, raising labor standards, and organizing in clean energy sectors; and

WHEREAS, Democrats are committed to addressing the impact climate change can have on workers, families, and entire communities, while putting millions of Americans back to work in good-paying union jobs that provide high wages, secure retirements, and safe workplaces;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Democrats will address the serious threat of climate change through bold and inclusive solutions that grow the clean energy economy and expand America's middle class.

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Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland
Maya Rockeymoore Cummings, Chair, Maryland
Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota
Adrianne George, Democrats Abroad

Resolution to Make Our Communities Safe from Gun Violence

WHEREAS, our elected leaders should serve the interests of the people they represent, work together to solve problems for the common good, and keep us safe; and

WHEREAS, the issue of gun violence shouldn't be an exception to this rule; and

WHEREAS, despite massacre after massacre, the gun lobby's close allies in Washington have continued to block any attempt to protect the American people from gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in a country as great as ours, no child should be afraid to go to school or walk around their neighborhood, no American should be afraid to go to work or their place of worship, and no human being should be afraid to go to a shopping mall or baseball field, nightclub or movie theater, concert or college campus; and

WHEREAS, too many politicians act as if shootings are just a fact of everyday life and as if there's nothing we can do to prevent the next one; and

WHEREAS, many of these politicians send "thoughts and prayers" to victims and their families while accepting millions from the National Rifle Association and blocking even the smallest common-sense reforms; and

WHEREAS, there is plenty we can do to reduce gun violence while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners; and

WHEREAS, Democrats believe that we should expand and strengthen background checks for those who want to purchase a firearm. We believe we should ensure that guns don't fall into the hands of terrorists, domestic abusers, and other violent criminals. And we believe we should treat gun violence as the deadly public health crisis it is;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party will continue fighting based on these beliefs for policies that would help prevent the carnage that has become all too common in schools and communities across the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will honor the memories of those whose lives have been cut short by gun violence by working relentlessly to end this epidemic once and for all.

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Submitted by: John Verdejo, North Carolina
Wayne Goodwin, Chair, North Carolina
Bobbie Richardson, North Carolina
Ray McKinnon, North Carolina
Shelia Huggins, North Carolina
Denise Adams, North Carolina
Cliff Moone, North Carolina
Jorge Quintana, Montana
Maya Rockeymoore Cummings, Chair, Maryland
Yvette Lewis, Maryland
Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution in Support of a Complete Investigation of the 2018 General Election of the Ninth Congressional District by the North Carolina State Board of Elections

WHEREAS, the people of North Carolina's Ninth Congressional District are legally entitled and deserve to be represented by a congressperson elected in a fair and lawful manner; and

WHEREAS, evidence and affidavits have been submitted to the North Carolina State Board of Elections that caused them to twice decline certifying the North Carolina Ninth Congressional District 2018 general election due to possibly unlawful activities that may have altered the election result; and

WHEREAS, even though he has denied knowledge of wrongdoing, the candidate leading by 905 votes in the general election has publicly acknowledged that he directed the hiring of, and his campaign financed, the individual orchestrating said activities; and

WHEREAS, the Ninth Congressional District Executive Committee of the North Carolina Democratic Party advocates for the rule of law, due process, and fair play;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee and the Ninth Congressional District Executive Committee of the North Carolina Democratic Party support the efforts of the North Carolina State Board of Elections to ascertain the facts and apply relevant law to resolve the issues raised with regard to the apparent unlawful activities in connection with the 2018 general election. If such actions are shown to have tainted the results of the election and cast doubt on its fairness, we support a new general election to occur as soon as reasonably allowed Sa.id board is encouraged to conduct the process in an expedient, transparent, and equitable manner as circumstances allow.

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Submitted by: Chris Reeves, Kansas
Christine Pelosi, California
Larry Cohen, At-Large/Maryland
Michael Kapp, California
John Gibson, Kansas
Jorge Quintana, Montana
Tanya Shively, Oregon
Maya Rockeymoore Cummings, Chair, Maryland
Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota

Resolution to Prioritize Cyber Security for DNC Members and State Organizations

WHEREAS, there is clear and undeniable evidence that the Russian government attacked Democratic entities as part of its interference in our 2016 elections; and

WHEREAS, Russian interference in our political process has continued since the 2016 election through attempted cyberattacks of Democratic entities and influence campaigns through social media platforms; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Intelligence Community has made clear that this is one of the gravest threats facing our country, and that foreign actors will continue these activities in 2020 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has been unwilling to take a stand and send a strong message to Russia and other actors that cyberattacks and other means of interference in our elections are unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, a strong cybersecurity program has become an essential campaign function, but such programs are often a challenge due to limited resources and expertise; and

WHEREAS, the DNC has committed itself to providing the Democratic and progressive community with guidance, best practices and other critical information to help better protect our candidates and organizations from this threat; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DNC shall continue to share best practices regarding data security with State Parties, Democratic campaigns, and other elements of the Democratic and progressive ecosystem; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC should provide materials and guidance on cybersecurity best practices to DNC members and keep them apprised of important developments in this area as we head into the 2020 campaign cycle.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Yasmine Taeb, Virginia
Susan Eastlake, Idaho
James Zogby, At-Large/District of Columbia
Michael Kapp, California
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia
Travis Nelson, Oregon
Maya Rockeymoore Cummings, Chair, Maryland
Clay Middleton, South Carolina
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Encouraging the Democratic Party to Take an Active Role in Championing Good Environmental Policy on Military Installations and Hold the Department of Veterans Affairs and President Trump Accountable for Addressing the Health Care Needs of Service Members

WHEREAS, according to the *Military Times*, a Department of Defense study determined that 126 of America's military bases reported harmful levels of perfluorinated compounds, which have been linked to cancers and as developmental delays for fetuses and infants; and

WHEREAS, thirty-six of these bases were found to have toxins in drinking water supplies which could potentially harm thousands of active duty troops and their military families; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 military sites have been declared as "Superfund" sites for their extreme level of degradation with multiple toxins capable of harming soldiers, civilian personnel, and dependents; and

WHEREAS, U.S. military personnel are not afforded the same constitutional rights as civilians including first amendment protections, and the effects of exposure to these toxins may last years, decades, or even a lifetime;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party take an active role in championing good environmental policy on military installations and hold the Veteran's Administration and President Trump accountable for adequately addressing the health needs of active duty service members, reservists and veterans arising out of exposure to environmental toxins incurred while serving their country.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Susie Shannon, California
Cliff Moone, North Carolina
Chris Reeves, Kansas
Michele Deatrick, Michigan
Jane Kleeb, Chair, Nebraska
Frank LeMere, Nebraska
Patty Zieg, Nebraska
Ron Kaminski, Nebraska
Jeri Shepherd, Colorado
Christine Pelosi, California
Garry Shay, California
Jess Durfee, California
Mary Ellen Early, California
Otto Lee, California
Michael Kapp, California

Resolution Supporting the Range of Light National Monument

WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party has long supported National Parks and National Monuments and all the ensuing benefits they provide, including clean air, pure water, abundant wildlife, biodiversity, access to nature, a vibrant and sustainable economy supported by tourism, protection and recreation, and a healthy and thriving citizenry who enjoy California's unique natural environment; and

WHEREAS, by protecting and preserving the federal lands between Yosemite and Kings Canyon National Parks, specifically the Sierra National Forest and the San Joaquin River Gorge (BLM), and safeguarding three major watersheds, specifically the South Fork of the Merced River, the Kings River and the San Joaquin River, the proposed Range of Light National Monument will benefit Americans, Californians and the abundant wildlife of the majestic Sierra Nevada; and

WHEREAS, California's watersheds and forests are currently threatened by commercial logging, pesticide use, neglect, grazing, an extended fire season, and protecting these vital forests and watersheds from further degradation will benefit California's unique plants and animals, will help keep communities fire-safe and fight global warming, will provide an integrated and expansive migratory area for wildlife stretching from park to park, will ensure lasting economic benefits for local communities, and will provide a special protected place for Californians and American citizens to enjoy nature for generations to come;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee recognizes that the Sierra National Forest and the San Joaquin River Gorge (BLM), require protections from further environmental degradation and that these protections will best be ensured by a Range of Light National Monument designation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee endorses actions to create the National Monument and will send copies of this resolution to each Democratic member of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Rep. Barbara Lee, California
Travis Nelson, Oregon
Jorge Quintana, Montana
Maya Rockeymoore Cummings, Chair, Maryland
Yvette Lewis, Maryland
John Verdejo, North Carolina
Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota
Adrianne George, Democrats Abroad
Martha McDevitt-Pugh, Democrats Abroad
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Urging the Establishment of a United States Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation

WHEREAS, the first ship carrying enslaved persons to what is now known as the United States of America arrived in 1619; and

WHEREAS, slave codes, the Fugitive Slave Act, and the resulting institution of American chattel slavery indefinitely subjugated African Americans, while near-irreparably fracturing the United States in its unionhood and moral foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution in its original form failed to protect its most vulnerable citizens, reprehensibly justifying the intentional and continued dehumanization and exploitation of African Americans by their unpaid economic value worth billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, slavery, both as policy and an idea, embedded into our society the belief in the myth of a hierarchy of human value based on superficial physical characteristics such as skin color and facial features, resulting in purposeful and persistent racial and gender inequities in education, health care, employment, Social Security and veteran benefits, land ownership, financial assistance, food security, wages, and voting rights for many; and

WHEREAS, slavery was not an episodic or errant policy, but an intentional, methodical framework to suppress and relegate an entire people to the margins of American society, prosperity, and liberty; and

WHEREAS, states in both the North and South codified slavery through matrilineal descent, thereby incentivizing slave owners to sexually abuse their female slaves; and

WHEREAS, slavery denied opportunity and mobility to peoples of African descent within the United States, while ultimately forestalling landmark contributions that African Americans would make in science, arts, commerce, and public service; and

WHEREAS Reconstruction represented a significant but nevertheless constrained moment of advances for black rights, as epitomized by the Freedmen's Bureau, which negotiated labor contracts for ex-slaves but failed to secure them their own land; and

WHEREAS, the collapse of Reconstruction emboldened states and municipalities in both the North and South to proliferate various laws and policies to stymie the socioeconomic mobility of freed blacks and maintain their subservience to whites; and

WHEREAS, states and municipalities instituted grandfather clauses, poll taxes, literacy tests, and intimidation tactics specifically to prevent African Americans from exercising their constitutional right to vote, in turn reducing opportunities for civic engagement and political representation; and

WHEREAS, the National Housing Act, the Social Security Act, the GI Bill, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and subprime loans have disproportionately barred African Americans from building wealth, thus limiting potential capital and exacerbating the racial wealth gap; and

WHEREAS, slavery and anti-blackness are two parts of the larger tradition of systematic racism which were used to justify harmful and derogatory public policies such as the disenfranchisement of Native Americans, who, until 1924, were denied citizenship on land they had occupied for millennia; and

WHEREAS, the United States implemented a federal Indian Boarding School policy during the 19th and 20th Centuries, the purpose of which was to "civilize" Native children through methods intended to eradicate Native cultures, traditions, and languages; and

WHEREAS, the United States' failed land policies toward Indian tribes, such as the Allotment Act, caused the loss of over 90 million acres of tribal lands—two thirds of which were guaranteed to Tribes by treaties and other federal laws—and similar unjustified land grabs from Tribes occurred regionally throughout the late 1800s and into the Termination era in the 1950s and 1960s; and

WHEREAS, millions of Mexicans and United States citizens of Mexican descent have suffered involuntary removal through large scale discriminatory deportation programs in the 1930s and 1950s; and

WHEREAS, the United States' annexation of Puerto Rico made Puerto Ricans citizens of the United States without affording them full voting rights; and

WHEREAS, Latino Americans, facing racial discrimination, have had to fight continuously for equal access to employment, housing, health, financial services, and education; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which effectively halted immigration from China and barred Chinese immigrants from becoming citizens of the United States, was the first instance of xenophobic legislation signed into law specifically targeting a specific group of people based on ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, Japanese Americans, despite no evidence of disloyalty, were treated as suspect and traitorous in the very country they helped to build, leading most notably to the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans beginning in 1942; and

WHEREAS, the United States engaged in an operation to overthrow the Kingdom of Hawaii and annexed the land of the Kingdom of Hawaii, without the consent of or compensation to the Native Hawaiian people of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the United States' history of colonialism in the Pacific has resulted in economic, health, and educational disparities among other inequities, for people in U.S. territories, as well as independent nations with which it has treaty obligations; and

WHEREAS, many of the greatest victories for racial healing in the United States have been greatly enhanced by the involvement, support, and dedication of individuals from any and all racial groups; and

WHEREAS, at the same time much of the progress toward racial healing and racial equity in the United States has been limited or reversed by our failure to address the root cause of racism, the belief in the myth of a hierarchy of human value based on superficial physical characteristics such as skin color and facial features; and

WHEREAS, the American institution of slavery was, and is, an intentional and blatant violation of every American's most basic right to a free and decent life; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of slavery have cascaded for centuries, across generations, beyond the era of active enslavement, imperiling for descendants of slaves what should have otherwise been every American's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 countries have reckoned with historical injustice and its aftermath through the use of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions to move toward restorative justice and to return dignity to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, American civic leaders and foundations have spearheaded critical efforts to advance racial healing, understanding, and transformation within the United States:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee

(1) affirms on the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first slave ship, the United States long-overdue debt of remembrance to not only those who lived through such egregious injustices, but also to their descendants; and

(2) proposes that Congress creates a United States Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation to properly acknowledge, memorialize, and be a catalyst for progress toward jettisoning the belief in a hierarchy of human value, embracing our common humanity, and permanently eliminating persistent racial inequities, which enabled the American institution of slavery.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Yasmine Taeb, Virginia
Jorge Quintana, Montana
Michael Kapp, California

Resolution to Return the U.S. into Compliance with Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)

WHEREAS, it is in the vital interest of the United States and its allies that Iran never develop or acquire nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2015, the United States, the People's Republic of China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and Iran agreed to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which was endorsed by the United Nations Security Council in Resolution 2231 (July 20, 2015); and

WHEREAS candidate Donald Trump warned in 2015 against withdrawing from the JCPOA, saying "I think that it is a disastrous deal in so many ways…we have a horrible contract. But we do have a contract. … Politically, and certainly for the nomination, I would love to tell you that I'm gonna rip up this contract, I'm going to be the toughest guy in the world. But you know what? Life doesn't work that way."; and

WHEREAS president Donald Trump reversed course on May 8, 2018, unilaterally withdrawing from the JCPOA in defiance of U.S. partners and allies and his own advisors and in violation of UN Security Council Resolution 2231; and

WHEREAS, the JCPOA has delivered substantial nonproliferation benefits, including Iran slashing its enriched uranium stockpile by 97% to less than 300 kilograms and the IAEA instituting the world's strongest nuclear verification regime in Iran; and

WHEREAS, former President Obama hailed the JCPOA as an agreement "between the international community and the Islamic Republic of Iran" that builds on a tradition of "strong, principled" U.S. diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, former President Obama warned of the alternative to a diplomatic solution, "The choice we face is ultimately between diplomacy or some form of war -- maybe not tomorrow, maybe not three months from now, but soon."; and

WHEREAS, agreements to sell civilian aircraft to Iran to ease the humanitarian consequences of Iran's aging aircraft fleet would have supported an estimated 100,000 American jobs, but were canceled as a result of Donald Trump's decision to terminate the deal; and

WHEREAS, full implementation of the JCPOA by all relevant parties is critical to ensuring that the Islamic Republic of Iran never seeks, develops or acquires nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has affirmed in 13 consecutive reports dating back to January 2016 that Iran is complying with the terms of the JCPOA; and

WHEREAS, unilateral U.S. withdrawal from the JCPOA has caused a rift between the United States and its closest allies in Europe and undermined U.S. global leadership; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2018 the foreign ministers representing the European Union, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom declared they "deeply regret the re-imposition of sanctions by the U.S." and noted that they are "determined to protect European economic operators engaged in legitimate business with Iran, in accordance with EU law and with UN Security Council resolution 2231;" and

WHEREAS, German Chancellor Angela Merkel stated in May 2018, after the U.S. violation of the JCPOA, that "it is no longer such that the United States simply protects us, but Europe must take its destiny in its own hands;" and

WHEREAS, French President Emmanuel Macron stated that "Iran was on a nuclear military path but what stopped it? The 2015 Vienna accord;" and

WHEREAS, British Prime Minister Theresa May said the JCPOA "remains the best means of preventing Iran from developing a nuclear weapon;" and

WHEREAS, Yukiya Amano, the director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has said that "if the JCPOA were to fail, it would be a great loss for nuclear verification and for multilateralism;" and

WHEREAS, UN Secretary General António Guterres stated in response to U.S. withdrawal from the JCPOA that he "deeply regrets this setback to the JCPOA and believes that issues not directly related to the plan should be addressed without prejudice to preserving the agreement and its accomplishments;" and

WHEREAS, Federica Mogherini, the High Representative for the European Union, has stated that "there are more chances, more possibilities to open avenues for discussions with Iran on other issues, if the Iran nuclear deal stays in place rather than not;" and

WHEREAS, a bipartisan group of over 50 national security leaders, including former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, declared "The U.S. withdrawal from the nuclear agreement (the JCPOA) does not advance the achievement of any of the U.S.'s objectives" and that the "intentional escalation of tensions and promotion of brinksmanship between the U.S. and Iran significantly increases the risk that neither side will be able to prevent a small, unintended clash from spiraling into a large, strategic conflict;" and

WHEREAS, then Secretary of Defense James Mattis affirmed during testimony before Congress on October 3, 2017 that it was in the national security interest of the United States to remain in the JCPOA; and

WHEREAS, former Secretary of State John Kerry warned that U.S. withdrawal from the JCPOA has "made it more likely that there will be conflict in the region because there are people there who would love to have the United States of America bomb Iran;" and

WHEREAS, the Iranian people, who have long been victimized by their government, celebrated the conclusion of the JCPOA and have been harmed substantially by the return of far-reaching U.S. nuclear sanctions; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2018, the biannual UN Secretary-General report on the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2231 welcomed Iran's implementation of its nuclear-related commitments "in the face of considerable challenges" from the U.S. withdrawal of the JCPOA; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. and its allies remain deeply concerned by the behavior of the Iranian government, including its support for designated terrorist groups, ballistic missile testing and continued human rights abuses, and can best address these challenges through a unified international community rather than one that continues to be divided; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has failed to articulate a viable diplomatic strategy to curb Iranian activities at odds with U.S. interests and regional stability; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2018, the European Union called upon Iran to refrain from activities that may deepen mistrust, including the issue of its ballistic missile program, but underscored that such issues are distinct from the JCPOA and must be addressed through dialogue; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of the JCPOA, regular dialogue and deconfliction channels, the odds of direct military confrontation with Iran dramatically increase;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the JCPOA is a key nonproliferation achievement that guards against Iran developing nuclear weapons and is of central importance to American security; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the JCPOA was the result of long-term prioritization of diplomacy and recognizing the danger of precipitous U.S.-Iran escalation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the JCPOA was made possible through American leadership and tough, principled diplomacy, and its violation by the United States has done profound damage to American diplomatic credibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that returning to the JCPOA will restore America's commitment to an agreement made with allies and prevent a renewed nuclear crisis in the Middle East; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States should return to its obligations under the JCPOA and utilize multilateral and bilateral diplomacy to achieve political solutions to remaining challenges regarding Iran; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the U.S. and our partners in the P5+1 continue our efforts to press Iran to cease its regional meddlesome behavior; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Iran should immediately uphold its international human rights obligations, including by releasing all political prisoners - including dual nationals - unjustly held in Iran.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Travis Nelson, Oregon
Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan
Matt Keating, Oregon
Jeanne Atkins, Chair, Oregon
Allison Stephens, Nevada
Mark Mallory, Ohio
Khary Penebaker, Wisconsin
Christine Pelosi, California
Tanya Shively, Oregon
Michael Kapp, California
Maya Rockeymoore Cummings, Chair, Maryland
Valdez Bravo, Oregon
John Verdejo, North Carolina
Adrianne George, Democrats Abroad

Resolution Calling on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to Name Racism as a Threat to Public Health

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party platform provides: "Democrats will fight to end institutional and systemic racism in our society. We will challenge and dismantle the structures that define lasting racial, economic, political, and social inequity. Democrats will promote racial justice through fair, just, and equitable governing of all public-serving institutions and in the formation of public policy. Democrats support removing the Confederate battle flag from public properties, recognizing that it is a symbol of our nation's racist past that has no place in our present or our future. We will push for a societal transformation to make it clear that black lives matter and that there is no place for racism in our country"; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has determined that a protocol for addressing a threat to public health is based on a finding that all four of their factors, namely, that the behavior is 1) a burden on the culture; 2) the behavior is disproportionately shared by a sector of the population; 3) there is evidence that upstream change will have an impact and 4) that current measures are insufficient; [1]and

WHEREAS, "Racism is a system of structuring opportunity and assigning value on the social interpretation of how one looks (which is what we call 'race'), that unfairly disadvantages some individuals and communities, unfairly advantages other individuals and communities, and saps the strength of the whole society through the waste of human resources," former American Public Health Association (APHA) President Camara Jones, MD, PhD, MPH said in an APHA internet article on Racism and Health; and

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[1] https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1563984/; https://www.cdCgov/pcd/issues/2006/apr/pdf/05_0105.pdf

WHEREAS, as set forth in the aforementioned article on Racism and Health, "Racism may be intentional or unintentional. It operates at various levels in society. Racism is a driving force of the societal determinants of health (like housing, education, and employment) and is a barrier to health equity."; and

WHEREAS, as pointed out by Jacqueline Howard, a CNN correspondent, in her report on the August 15, 2017 deadly act that occurred during a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, at least four medical groups call hate crimes a public health concern. After Charlottesville, the American College of Physicians posted on its website: "Hate crimes directed at individuals based on their race, ethnic origin, ancestry, gender, gender identity, nationality, primary language, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, cultural background, age disability, or religion are a public health issue." The American Psychological Association, the American Medical Association, and the American Academy of Family Physicians also have issued statements on hate crimes as a public health concern; and

WHEREAS, Howard reported that "several studies suggest that experiences of racism or discrimination raise the risk of emotional and physical health problems, including depression, hypertension, cardiovascular disease and even death"; and

WHEREAS, another area where elements of systemic racism can be found is in our criminal justice system. As recognized by the Democratic Party platform, "We will end racial profiling that targets individuals solely on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, or national origin, which is un-American and counterproductive. We should report national data on policing strategies and provide greater transparency and accountability." and

WHEREAS, it follows that racism and discriminatory treatment that can occur in the criminal justice system as noted above is likewise a barrier to health equity whether by creating higher levels of stress and chronic illnesses, depriving one of the economic abilities to have access to health care, and/or interfacing with a medical community unprepared to deal with the effects of racism; and

WHEREAS, the APHA Presidential Initiative, a national campaign against racism "… aims to identify all areas in which racism exists and operates and to take swift and practical steps toward health equity through its elimination. The goals are to:
Put racism on the agenda. Name racism as a force determining the societal determinants of health.
Ask 'How is racism operating here?' Identify how racism drives past and current policies, practices, norms, and values that create inequitable conditions in which we are born, grow, live, learn, and age.
Organize and strategize to act. Promote and facilitate conversations, research and invention to address racism and its negative impact on the health of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the above recitals clearly demonstrate findings that racism is a burden on our culture, is disproportionately shared by sectors of our population, current measures are insufficient, and that there are initiative goals that that can affect upstream changes beginning with putting racism on the agenda as a public health threat;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee calls on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to declare racism a threat to public health by the CDC's criteria and all due diligence be undertaken to address it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that people of color be included in the discussions, specific work and decision-making processes involved in identifying the causes, consequences and solutions in the effects of racial inequality on one's health and evaluate efficacy on a regular basis to be determined with those communities.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Julie Bryan, Chair, Democrats Abroad
Connie Borde, Democrats Abroad
John Eastwood, Democrats Abroad
Adrianne George, Democrats Abroad
Martha McDevitt-Pugh, Democrats Abroad
Alex Montgomery, Democrats Abroad
Kenneth Sherman, Democrats Abroad
Orlando Vidal, Democrats Abroad
Maya Rockeymoore Cummings, Chair, Maryland
Kate Donaghue, Democrats Abroad

Resolution Condemning the Impacts of the Trump Tax Law

WHEREAS, the Trump tax law was a scam for millions of hardworking Americans, including Americans living and working abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Trump tax law has caused the deficit to skyrocket, failed to boost long-term growth, and left working Americans behind; and

WHEREAS, corporations have used their massive tax giveaways to fuel a record-high $1 trillion of stock buybacks, even as businesses say the law has had no impact on their investment or hiring plans; and

WHEREAS, Americans abroad, aside from serving U.S. businesses, aid and other organization and interests, are unpaid ambassadors for the U.S., providing an invaluable link to and understanding of U.S. politics, policy, values and culture for people around the world who may never come to the U.S. and therefore risk forming distorted views about U.S. policy, politics, values and culture from media reports alone; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party platform states that the party "will make sure that law-abiding Americans living abroad are not unfairly penalized[,] by finding the right solutions for them to the requirements under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)"; and

WHEREAS, Americans abroad and the Democratic Party fully support efforts by the U.S. federal government to prevent financial crimes, including money laundering and tax evasion; and

WHEREAS, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) outreach to non-resident U.S. citizens has been woefully inadequate over time leading to high levels of ignorance, confusion and frustration about U.S. tax filing obligations; and

WHEREAS, the IRS has withdrawn staff providing support services outside the U.S., resulting in extremely long telephone support waiting times (usually hours) and helpline operators often

not prepared to address the issues raised by or on behalf of Americans living and working abroad; and

WHEREAS, Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate ignored the impacts of the Trump tax law on the 9 million Americans living abroad, even though the final law hurt overseas citizens in numerous ways;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee calls on Congress to study the impacts of the disastrous Trump tax law on all Americans, including those living abroad who need to file two or more separate tax returns in both the country of residence and in the United States.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, Chair
Ken Martin, Vice Chair/Minnesota
Karen Carter Peterson, Vice Chair/Louisiana
Jaime Harrison, Associate Chair/South Carolina
Gus Bickford, Chair, Massachusetts
Brandon Dillon, Chair, Michigan
David Pepper, Chair, Ohio
Gilberto Hinojosa, Chair, Texas
Trav Robertson, Chair, South Carolina
Alex Gallardo-Rooker, Chair, California
Martha Laning, Chair, Wisconsin
Travis Nelson, Oregon
Jorge Quintana, Montana
Christopher Lowe, At-Large/New York
John Verdejo, North Carolina
Betty Richie, Texas

Resolution Creating a DNC Task Force to Study and Reduce the Role of Corporate Money in Party Fundraising

WHEREAS, voters across the country spoke out last year against Republican corruption and gave Democrats a clear mission to clean up Washington, stand up to special interests and govern according to the will of the people, not just the privileged few; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Rep. John Sarbanes and the new Democratic leadership of the House of Representatives have taken a critical first step in this process with the introduction of H.R. 1, a bill that makes long overdue reforms to our campaign finance system, puts serious checks in place to stamp out corruption in the federal government, and meaningfully expands access to the voting booth for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the issues addressed by H.R.1, Democrats have also been engaged in conversations about the broader role of donations from corporate PACs, special interests and undisclosed donors in political fundraising; and

WHEREAS, over the past two years, the DNC has been engaged with members, grassroots activists, and others in conversations about how to expand grassroots fundraising and foster trust that the Party is funded according to our Democratic values; and

WHEREAS, the DNC membership banned contributions from corporate PACs that conflict with the principles in the Democratic Party platform; and

WHEREAS, there is a discussion about applying a corporate PAC donation ban to the national party; and

WHEREAS, the DNC takes seriously its role as the Party's national governing body and understands that the decisions it makes have an impact not just on the DNC itself, but the entire Democratic Party ecosystem, including national party committees, State Parties, and candidates themselves; and

WHEREAS, the DNC must consider whether implementing such a ban before the end of the 2020 presidential primary process would violate the committee's mandate to remain neutral in the primary contest; and

WHEREAS, the DNC must responsibly consider the impacts of a corporate PAC donation ban from the national party on the entire Democratic ecosystem before enacting it, ensuring that it has no unintended consequences or unforeseen impacts that could hinder Democrats' ability to compete with Republicans up and down the ticket; and

WHEREAS, when President Obama banned PAC contributions to the DNC during his presidency, the ban applied to all PAC donations, and thus there is no precedent for the DNC specifically rejecting corporate PAC money; and

WHEREAS, as President Trump and his cabinet of billionaires put special interests and the most wealthy ahead of the American people, never before has there been a clearer contrast between the values of the Democratic and Republican parties; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. that no later than 60 days after the conclusion of the February 2019 DNC meeting, the Chair will establish a Task Force to study the role of corporate money in party fundraising; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall consist of no more than nine (9) members, including two (2) co-chairs, representing key stakeholder groups, including DNC members, State Party chairs, labor organizations, grassroots activists and donors, and representatives from affiliated party committees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that within one week of the close of the 2020 presidential nominating convention, the Task Force will report to the Democratic presidential nominee on its findings.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia
Troy Price, Chair, Iowa
Scott Brennan, Iowa
Sandy Opstvedt, Iowa
Andrea Phillips, Iowa
Jan Bauer, At-Large/Iowa

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of John Culver

WHEREAS, John Culver was born on August 8, 1932 in Rochester, MN; and

WHEREAS, Culver received his bachelor's degree from Harvard University and served three years in the Marine Corps before returning to Harvard Law School. Culver eventually attended Emmanuel College, Cambridge University; and

WHEREAS, he promoted academic achievement as the interim director of and adviser to the Institute of Politics (IOP) at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, since working for Senator Edward Kennedy in 1962, Culver played an indispensable role in aiding him as his legislative assistant; and

WHEREAS, Culver has advanced the work of the Democratic party by serving in the House of Representatives for 10 years and a member of the U.S. Senate for one term; and

WHEREAS, John Culver passed away on December 26, 2018 at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, his dedication and commitment to fighting for social and political justice will leave a lasting impact for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, former President Bill Clinton remarked, Culver "a smart, principled, progressive and tough public servant who represented his constituents with honor for 16 years;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors John Culver years of service to our country and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Casey Steinau, Chair, Alaska
Edward Wesley, Alaska
Sheila Selkregg, Alaska
Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Bettye Jean Davis

WHEREAS, former Alaska state Senator Bettye Jean Davis was born May 17, 1938 in Homer, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Grambling State University with a degree in social work and was married to Troy Davis and they had two children, Sonya and Tony; and

WHEREAS, Davis' career spanned two fields of work, as a nurse at Alaska Psychiatric Institute and a social worker for Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services; and

WHEREAS, she was a trailblazer, as the first African American female elected to Alaska's House of Representative and the first African American state Senator in the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Davis was elected to the Anchorage School Board for four three-year terms; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to public service extended beyond her elected official duties, as evident through her extensive volunteering and leadership in her community; and

WHEREAS, nationally, Davis served as President of the National Association of Black School Board Members, board member for Women In Government, Treasurer for the National Association of Black Elected Legislative Women, Legislative Advisory Committee member of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education, Vice Chair for the National Conference of State Legislatures-Health Committee, member of the Interstate Commission on Higher Education Legislative Advisory Board, Energy Chair for both the National Black Caucus of State Legislator and National Foundation for Women Legislators, member of Anchorage Branch NAACP board of directors (life member), President of the Alaska Black Leadership Conference, superintendent of Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday School, Chapter President of North to the Future Business and Professional Women Anchorage, Chapter President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Anchorage (life member); and

WHEREAS, she is credited with helping Presidential Candidate Rev. Jesse Jackson win the 1988 Alaska Democratic party presidential caucus; and

WHEREAS, Davis served as a delegate to the 1988 Democratic National Convention in Atlanta and the 1992 convention in New York City.

WHEREAS, she earned the utmost respect of leading educators and legislators and was dubbed by her peers in Alaska as "The Conscious of the Legislature," where she served six years in the House of Representatives and twelve years in the state Senate as a Democrat; and

WHEREAS, Davis was a recipient of countless awards including but not limited to: 2010 Celebrate Liberty Award, ACLU of Alaska; 2010 Alaska Women's Hall of Fame; YWCA Woman of Achievement; Alaska Black Caucus President's Award; Wells Fargo Bank CheckPoint Alaska Award; Kappa Alpha Psi Distinguished Citizen Award; Outstanding Leadership Award, California Assembly; 1996 Who's Who of American Women; Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Award; Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation of Alaska Humanitarian Award; Mayor's Award for Public Servant; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Jean Davis passed away on December 2, 2018;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Democratic Committee honors state Senator Davis' steadfast commitment, determination and contribution to public and community service in Alaska and this nation and expresses it deepest sympathy to the Davis family due to the loss of their loved one.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Travis Nelson, Oregon
Matt Keating, Oregon
Tanya Shively, Oregon
Valdez Bravo, Oregon

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Michael Durrow

WHEREAS, Michael Durrow was born on December 24, 1965 in Herning, Denmark; and

WHEREAS, Durrow dedicated his life to public service; and

WHEREAS, he served as an elected director of the Multnomah Educational Service District; and

WHEREAS, Durrow was dedicated to making sure that students who did not thrive in a traditional classroom received the best educational opportunities possible in an environment that celebrated and rejoiced in their differences; and

WHEREAS, he was dedicated to making sure that all employees of the Multnomah Educational Service District earned at least $15 an hour; and

WHEREAS, Durrow was a dedicated member of the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, he served as a delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention from the great state of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2018, Michael Durrow passed away in Portland, Oregon;

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

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia
John Verdejo, North Carolina

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Rosanell Eaton

WHEREAS, Rosanell Eaton was born on April 14, 1921, in Louisburg, NC; and

WHEREAS, Eaton attended Vance Granville Community College in Henderson, NC and continued her education at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC; and

WHEREAS, she helped 4,000 people register to vote within the black community and joined the 2013 North Carolina Supreme Court lawsuit to protest voter discrimination; and

WHEREAS, since joining the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, she fought against racial discrimination and marched in the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Eaton advanced the work of the civil rights activism by continuing the fight to end racial discrimination until her death; and

WHEREAS, Rosanell Eaton passed away on Dec 8. at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS, her dedication and commitment to fighting for racial, social and political justice will leave a lasting impact for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, former President Barack Obama once remarked that "I am where I am today only because men and women like Rosanell Eaton refused to accept anything less than a full measure of equality;" and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Rosanell Eaton for her years of service to our country and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At Large/District of Columbia
Clay Middleton, South Carolina
Leah Daughtry, At-Large/New York
Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Tyrone Gayle

WHEREAS, Tyrone Gayle was born in Toronto on November 12, 1987;

WHEREAS, he graduated from Clemson University where he received his BA in Communications and continued his passion running track as a Division I athlete; and

WHEREAS, Gayle was always ready to embrace any challenge with perseverance and a positive energy; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 Campaigns & Elections magazine named him a rising star for his work with Tim Kaine, the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee, and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kamala Harris said Tyrone Gayle, "did this work tirelessly, always with a smile or a kind gesture. And he never lost faith in our ability to do good for the people in this country. Tyrone is irreplaceable"; and

WHEREAS, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called Gayle "one of the fiercest fighters we will ever know"; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone Gayle passed away on October 25, 2018 at the age of 30;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Tyrone Gayle's years of service to our country and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland
Tonio Burgos, New Jersey

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Antonio Gonzalez

WHEREAS, Antonio Gonzalez was born on August 26, 1949; and

WHEREAS, Gonzalez received his bachelor's degree from University of Texas, San Antonio, while conducting undergraduate coursework the University of California San Diego and eventually receiving his masters degree from University of California Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, he promoted environmental advocacy within the Latino community by creating various coalitions such as the Alliance of LA River Communities, the Aguacate Alliance and ProAgua; and

WHEREAS, since assuming his presidency of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project and the William C Velasquez Institute, Gonzalez dedicated his life to empowering Latinos, mobilizing voters, training novices and community leaders to become viable political candidates, to finding innovative solutions to the systemic barriers facing our communities; and

WHEREAS, Gonzalez was an astute strategist advancing the values of the Democratic Party by investing resources that contributed to dramatic growth of Latino voters' political participation, protected the Latino vote against exclusionary voter ID laws in Texas and Arizona, and successfully advocated the California Voting Rights Act to obligate more than 50 cities and school boards to replace "at large" election systems with the fairer "single member" district election systems; and

WHEREAS, his work in Latin America cultivating positive relationships and teaching community leaders how to build democratic civil society continues to benefit communities; and

WHEREAS, Gonzalez was named one of the 25 most influential Hispanics in America by *Time* Magazine, "Frederick Douglass 200" a pioneer in the area of environmental justice, and an early advocate for green policies in the Latino community; and

WHEREAS, his dedication and commitment to fighting for racial, environmental, social, and political justice, as well as fighting against all anti-immigrant and anti-Latino policies, will leave a lasting impact for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Thomas A. Saenz president and general counsel of Mexican American Legal Defense remarked, "Antonio always had creative ideas that he implemented with a keen understanding of political power in this country. His varied interests and associated endeavors all shared a grounding in his lifelong commitment and eagerness to see the political influence of the Latinx community increase in every area of public policy;" and

WHEREAS, Antonio Gonzalez rejoiced to see a record turnout of Latino voters in the midterm elections before passing away on November 11, 2018, after a battle with cancer;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Antonio Gonzalez for his years of service to our country and the Democratic Party and offers condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Ann Marie Habershaw

WHEREAS, Ann Marie Habershaw was born on August 20, 1962; and

WHEREAS, she earned her Bachelor's in Accounting from Bryant University and an MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Habershaw's innovations in the Obama for America campaign included building the infrastructure and resources for grassroot organizing as well as overseeing a $1 billion budget; and

WHEREAS, she was known to be an active participant who enjoyed never sitting still; and

WHEREAS, Habershaw redefined political campaigns and created a lasting impact throughout the organizations as chief operating officer; and

WHEREAS, Anne Marie Habershaw passed away on September 16, 2018;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors years of service to our country and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Karen Carter Peterson, DNC Vice Chair/Louisiana
Deborah J. Langhoff, Louisiana
Michael McHale, Louisiana
Arthur Morrell, Louisiana

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Felicia Kahn

WHEREAS, Felicia Schornstein Kahn was born on July 11, 1926 in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, she earned her degree from Newcomb College in sociology; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to bringing about change began by joining the multi-racial New Orleans Coalition, where she helped elect progressive men and women as wells as fight for integration and women's rights; and

WHEREAS, Kahn was a leader with the League of Women Voters New Orleans, serving as the group's president from 1966 to 1969; and

WHEREAS, her leadership extended beyond many organizations, including the National Council of Jewish Women and the Independent Women's Organization, constantly inspiring and motivating wherever she went; and

WHEREAS, Felicia's passion and dedication to the ideals of the Democratic Party are demonstrated through her attendance as a delegate for the Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, Felicia Kahn passed away on June 21, 2018 at the age of 91, survived by her three children and three grandchildren;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Felicia Kahn's years of service to our country and the Democratic Party and offers condolences to her family.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

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

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Robert Keefe

WHEREAS, Robert Keefe was born on May 19, 1934, in Huntington, IN; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Marquette University with a degree in journalism; and

WHEREAS, Keefe began his political career as the press secretary in the 1960 reelection campaign for Congressman Ed Roush (D-IN) and then went on to serve as chief of staff to Senator Vance Hartke (D-IN) and Senator Birch Bayh (D-IN); and

WHEREAS, from 1972 to 1976, he served as executive director of the Democratic National Committee; and

WHEREAS, Keefe, who attended every Democratic Convention since 1960, had a passion for national politics and for promoting the rights of women, minorities, and young people; and

WHEREAS, Bob Keefe passed away on December 5, 2018, at the age of 84, from pancreatic cancer;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Bob Keefe for his years of service to the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Gus Bickford, Chair, Massachusetts
James Roosevelt, Jr., Massachusetts
Deb Kozikowski, Massachusetts
Sue Thomson, Massachusetts

Re*solution Honoring the Life and Career of John Marttila*

WHEREAS, John Marttila was born in Detroit on October 18, 1940; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Wayne State University earning a BA in political science and attended law school briefly before deciding to become a political organizer; and

WHEREAS, Marttila was a renowned political strategist, who worked on several campaigns such as Joe Biden, John F. Kerry; and

WHEREAS, his dedication and outside the box ideas brought effective strategies that earned him a reputation of a political wizard; and

WHEREAS, his strategical innovations altered the landscape providing new insights by entwining technology and polling methods; and

WHEREAS, John Marttila passed away on November 3, 2018 at the age of 78;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors John Marttila's years of service to our country and the Democratic Party and offers condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Susan Swecker, Chair, Virginia

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Giles Perkins

WHEREAS, Giles Perkins was born on January 26, 1967; and

WHEREAS, he received his bachelor's degree in English from Southern Methodist University and a law degree from Washington and Lee University, where he served as student body president; and

WHEREAS, Perkins was a partner in the law firm of Adams & Reese in Birmingham, AL; and

WHEREAS, he was executive director of the Alabama Democratic Party from 1997 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Perkins was Chair of Doug Jones' successful 2017 campaign for Senate; and

WHEREAS, he also served as president of the Railroad Park Foundation during the construction of the $22million green space, park and amphitheater in downtown Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, Giles Perkins passed away on December 2, 2018, at the age of 51, from pancreatic cancer;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Giles Perkins years of service to his community and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin
Michael Kapp, California
Scott Benson, Democratic Municipal Officials/Michigan
Suzie Nakasian, Democratic Municipal Officials/Minnesota
Anita Bonds, Democratic Municipal Officials/DC
Wendy Davis, Georgia
Jess Durfee, California
Melahat Rafiei, California
Steven Alari, California
Gary Shay, California
Michael Kapp, California
Becca Dotten, California
Keith Umemoto, California
Andrew Lachman, California
Laurence Zakson, California
Bob Mulholland, California
Susie Shannon, California
Mary Ellen Early, California
Christine Pelosi, California
Earl Fowlkes, DC
Susan Eastlake, Idaho

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Greg Pettis

WHEREAS, Greg Pettis was born on December 15, 1955 in Duarte, California; and

WHEREAS, Pettis received his bachelor's degree from Azusa Pacific University and eventually received his master's degree from University of Phoenix; and

WHEREAS, Pettis was elected a City Council Member in Cathedral City, California in 1994, and served as both Mayor Pro-Tem and Mayor for the city; and

WHEREAS, he promoted diversity and inclusion of all people by becoming the first openly gay public servant in Cathedral City and the first openly gay president of Southern California Association of Governments; and

WHEREAS, Pettis worked with council members John Aguilar and Shelley Kaplan to make Cathedral City the Coachella Valley's first sanctuary city; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pettis served as President of Cathedral City's Evening Rotary Club and Business Association, Executive Director of the Palm Springs Youth Center, and a board member on both the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy and the board of United Cerebral Palsy of the Desert; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pettis served in nearly every leadership position for Democratic Municipal Officials, including Representative to the Democratic National Committee and was a strong advocate for America's cities, especially small cities; and

WHEREAS, Greg Pettis passed away on January 15, 2019 at the age of 63; and

WHEREAS, state Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia remarked, "He will be remembered by his vast legacy of forward-thinking achievements, passion, and consummate public service. We will be forever grateful;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Greg Pettis' years of service to our country and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia
Leah Daughtry, At-Large/New York
Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Michael Pitts

WHEREAS, Michael Pitts was born on April 3, 1950, growing up in Alton, IL, during the turbulent segregation era; and

WHEREAS, he was a committed community organizer for Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) in Albany, NY; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Pitts was involved in the organizing of the Democratic National Conventions, where he was particularly known for his work in transportation operations; and

WHEREAS, he was an outstanding field organizer who was known for his Get Out the Vote expertise, assisting in the election of Jill Long who won an uphill battle in her bid for Indiana's 4th Congressional District seat in 1989, formerly held by Dan Quayle in a GOP stronghold; and

WHEREAS, Pitts worked with the National Democratic Institute to help build democratic institutions in Africa; and

WHEREAS, he was a sought-after major event organizer who worked for numerous Olympic Games, including the 1996 Atlanta games, the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia, the 50th Anniversary of NATO, Capitol Concerts in Washington, DC, and the WTO meeting in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Pitts was an endearingly inspirational, larger-than-life leader who helped develop the talent of aspiring Democratic campaign workers in states all across the United States and of aspiring major event workers all across the world, workers who became part of the well-known "Pitts Nation"; and

WHEREAS, Michael Pitts passed away on November 4, 2018,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Michael Pitts for his years of service to our country and the Democratic Party and offers condolences to his family.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

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

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Bernice Sandler

WHEREAS, Bernice Sandler was born on March 3, 1928 in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sandler received her bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College, thereafter receiving her masters from City College of New York and eventually receiving her PhD from University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, she fought against sex discrimination on college campuses, helping to contribute to the creation of Title IX; and

WHEREAS, she worked tirelessly to advocate against sex discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Sandler advanced the work of gender equality by joining the Women's Equity Action League challenging 250 educational institutions with allegations of sex discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Sandler passed away on January 5, 2019 at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, her dedication and commitment to fighting for gender equality will leave a lasting impact for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator Patrick Leahy remarked, "Title IX has opened the doors to colleges, universities, & locker rooms for our sisters, daughters, & friends. This wouldn't have been possible without Dr. Sandler's passionate devotion";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Bernice Sandler for her years of service to our country and the Democratic Party and offers condolences to her family.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin
Michael Kapp, California

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Carolyn Rexroat Warner

WHEREAS, Carolyn Rexroat Warner was born in Ardmore, OK, on August 2, 1930; and

WHEREAS, she attended and received her BA from the University of Oklahoma and eventually earned an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Northern Arizona University; and

WHEREAS, her political career inspired many women in their political career, as she created history by being the second woman in history to win her party's nomination in the Arizona gubernatorial race; and

WHEREAS, Warner served as Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction where she demonstrated her tenacity towards creating change in the education system; and

WHEREAS, after her departure from public service she continued ensuring that her voice, advocating for educational issues, be heard; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Warner passed away on October 9, 2018 at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Democratic Party Chair Felecia Rotellini said Carolyn, "championed the life-altering power of education and dedicated her life to the children of Arizona and to improving our public schools;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Carolyn Rexroat Warner's years of service to our country and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas
Leah Daughtry, At-Large/New York
Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia
Craig Smith, At-Large/Florida
Clay Middleton, South Carolina

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Carol Willis

WHEREAS, Carol Willis was born on August 26, 1949 in McGehee, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Willis received his bachelor's degree from Philander Smith College before attending the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville and eventually receiving his law degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, he promoted academic achievement within the black community by organizing tutoring sessions at the University of Arkansas Law School; and

WHEREAS, since first meeting Bill Clinton in 1970, Willis played an indispensable role in Clinton's ascension in state leadership and eventually the presidency; and

WHEREAS, Willis has advanced the work of the Democratic National Committee as a Senior Advisor on Minority Voters; and

WHEREAS, Carol Willis passed away on September 4, 2018 at the age of 69, survived by his wife, Joyce Willis as well their children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, his dedication and commitment to fighting for racial, economic, social and political justice will leave a lasting impact for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, former President Bill Clinton remarked, "He was also a good, loyal friend who was never afraid to speak hard truths if I needed to hear them. He always had my back, in victory and defeat. In the toughest times, he could always make me laugh;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Carol D'Arcy Willis' years of service to our country and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Jason Rae, DNC Secretary, Wisconsin

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Jane Witt

WHEREAS, Jane Witt was born in Racine, WI in 1940; and

WHEREAS, she attended St. Edward School and St. Catherine's School Valley in Racine; and

WHEREAS, Witt graduated from Spencerian Business College in Milwaukee in 1962; and

WHEREAS, in 1962 she married Richard Witt, with whom she raised four children; and

WHEREAS, she worked on the pre-press team at the Journal Times until her retirement in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Witt lived her faith and devoted more time to it and her community upon retirement, always looking to become more involved and better the lives of her fellow Racine residents; and

WHEREAS, she served as Board Secretary on the Racine Interfaith Coalition and was integral to the Sacred Ground Task Force, fighting for a safer community; and

WHEREAS, Witt created Women of Worth (WOW) to help women struggling with substance abuse and help them reclaim their lives, a marker of her commitment to feminist ideals; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, she received the Racine Interfaith Coalition's Outstanding Service Award, and in 2016, received the Racine Heritage Committee's Cultivators Award;

WHEREAS, she served the Democratic Party of Racine County as a board member and as Chair from 2012 to 2014, and was awarded the Democrat of the Year Award for her service; and

WHEREAS, Jane Witt was a dedicated leader in the community, always committed to advancing progressive causes; and

WHEREAS, Jane Witt passed away on November 29, 2018;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Jane Witt for her service to our country and the Democratic Party and offer condolences to her family.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

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

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Harris Wofford

WHEREAS, Harris Wofford was born on April 9, 1926 in Manhattan, New York; and

WHEREAS, Wofford received his bachelor's degree from University of Chicago after serving in the Army Air Corps, and later received his law degree from Howard University and Yale University; and

WHEREAS, he promoted academic achievement and civil rights activists by becoming a law professor at the University of Notre Dame and helped found the Peace Corps by becoming its special representative to Africa; and

WHEREAS, Wofford's political career began when John Kennedy asked him to join his presidential campaign to assist in helping win the votes of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Wofford was elected to the Senate in 1991, where he focused mainly on healthcare

WHEREAS, Harris Wofford passed away on January 21, 2019 at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, his dedication and commitment to fighting for racial, economic, social and political justice will leave a lasting impact for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator remarked Bob Casey Jr. remarked, "From his work on the Civil Rights Commission in the 1950s to his work as special assistant to President Kennedy for civil rights and through his friendship with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., few Americans are more responsible for advancing the cause of civil rights than Harris Wofford";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Harris Wofford for his years of service to our country and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family.

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The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 14, 2019, in Washington, DC, and recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2019.

Submitted by: Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin
Jeanne Atkins, Chair, Oregon
Travis Nelson, Oregon
Tanya Shively, Oregon
Valdez Bravo, Oregon

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Meredith Wood Smith

WHEREAS, Meredith Wood Smith was born in Massachusetts on February 16, 1943; and

WHEREAS, she attended the University of Kentucky and received her BA in Education, upon graduation went on to teach students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Wood Smith served as Chair of the Democratic Party of Oregon from 2006-2012 where the party has seen growth, eventually becoming the dominant party; and

WHEREAS, her experience as a small business owner, president of a local business association, sales representative allowed her to provide invaluable insight to the party and the direction it should go; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ron Wyden once described her as the "Gold Standard for Party Chairs" her skill in creating compromise brought forth her success and ability to see things through; and

WHEREAS, Meredith Wood Smith passed away on October 28, 2018 at the age of 75;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Meredith Wood Smith's years of service to our country and the Democratic Party and offers condolences to her family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee at its meeting in Washington, DC, on February 15, 2019.

Submitted by: Lavora Barnes, Chair, Michigan

Resolution Honoring the Life and Public Service Career of Congressman John D. Dingell, Jr.

WHEREAS, John David Dingell., Jr, the son of Grace (née Bigler) and John Dingell Sr. was born on July 8, 1926; and

WHEREAS, John Dingell was a true American hero, serving faithfully in World War II and leading as a second lieutenant and continuing to support service men and women throughout his life.

WHEREAS, in 1955, John Dingell, Jr., was first elected to serve in the United States House of Representatives in a special election following the death of his father; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to a full-term in 1956 and continued to serve the people of his district and the State of Michigan for 59 years, retiring in 2014 as the longest-serving member in the history of Congress and earning him the honorary title, "The Dean"; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, he introduced a bill to create national health insurance and reintroduced it in every session until the Affordable Care Act was approved in 2010; and

WHEREAS, because he believed that healthcare is a right belonging to all citizens, "Medicare for All" is now part of our public debate; and

WHEREAS, he fought for the welfare of Michigan workers, advocating for stronger unions, including those of the automotive industry, manufacturing, service workers, government employees, and public schools; and

WHEREAS, he was responsible for legislation that improved the lives of his constituents, fellow citizens, and future generations of Americans, including National Wilderness Act (1964), Water Quality Act (1965), National Environmental Policy Act (1970), Endangered Species Act (1973), Natural Gas Policy Act (1978), Prescription Drug Marketing Act (1988), Clean Air Act Amendments (1990), Energy Independence and Security Act (2007), Instant Criminal Background Check System Improvements (2008), Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (2010), FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (2011); and

WHEREAS, the public service legacy he leaves behind and the work he left unfinished for his district, the State of Michigan, the Democratic Party, and generations of Americans, both his own and countless to come, will carry on through his wife, Congresswoman Deborah Dingell, fellow Democrats, and progressives everywhere;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee acts to honor, preserve, and continue to promote the public service legacy and progressive vision of the Honorable Congressman John D. Dingell, Jr.

The following resolution will be considered by the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee at its meeting in Washington, DC, on February 15, 2019.

Submitted by: Sandy Opstvedt, Iowa
Juanita Luiz, At-Large/Virginia
Lee Saunders, At-Large/District of Columbia
Robert Martinez, At-Large/Texas
Rick Bloomingdale, Pennsylvania
Richard Ray, Georgia
Tefere Gebre, At-Large/California
Larry Cohen, At-Large/Maryland
Calla Brown, At-Large/Maryland
Randi Weingarten, At-Large/New York
Lily Eskelsen Garcia, At-Large/Utah

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Edwin D. Hill

WHEREAS, Edwin D. Hill was born on August 11, 1937 in Center Township, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Hill began his career with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers more than six decades ago, graduating from Beaver, Pa., Local 712's electrical apprenticeship program in 1960, becoming a journeyman wireman; and

WHEREAS, he became an active leader of Local 712, becoming business manager while still in his early 30s; and

WHEREAS, Hill was not only respected as a leader of the IBEW but as a leading voice of the labor movement throughout Western Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, he became an International officer of the IBEW in 1994, serving first as Third District Vice President, then International Secretary, shortly thereafter assuming the duties of both treasurer and secretary; and

WHEREAS, Hill served as International President of the IBEW from 2001 until his retirement in 2015, representing 775,000 active and retired members in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to advancing the cause of working families and the electrical industry earned him the respect of labor, industry and elected leaders alike; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said that "[Ed Hill] believed that all Americans were worthy of respect, and deserving of the stronger protection of their rights in the workplace … He knew that the American middle class has a union labor on it"; and

WHEREAS, Edwin D. Hill passed away December 1, 2018 at the age of 81;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Ed Hill for his years of service to working families and his country and offers condolences to his friends and family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee at its meeting in Washington, DC, on February 15, 2019.

Submitted by: Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin
Karen Carter Peterson, DNC Vice Chair/Louisiana
Raymond Buckley, Chair, New Hampshire
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia
Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia
Stuart Appelbaum, New York
John Currie, Chair, New Jersey

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Barbra "Babs" Siperstein

WHEREAS, Barbra "Babs" Siperstein was born on November 20, 1942 in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Siperstein earned degrees from Rutgers University and Pace University; and

WHEREAS, Siperstein was a small business owner in New Jersey, owning Siperstein Fords Paint Corp; and

WHEREAS, Siperstein was an active leader within the LGBT community, serving in a number of nonprofit roles, including Vice Chair of Garden State Equality and President of the New Jersey Stonewall Democrats; and

WHEREAS, Siperstein was appointed as an at-large member of the Democratic National Committee in 2009 by then-Chair Tim Kaine, becoming the first transgender individual to serve on the Democratic National Committee; and

WHEREAS, Siperstein was elected to the DNC's Executive Committee in 2011 by the Eastern Region, becoming the first transgender individual to serve on that body; and

WHEREAS, Siperstein served as active and engaged member of the DNC until October 2017 and during that time was a passionate advocate for LGBTQ inclusion within the party; and

WHEREAS, Siperstein has been a leading voice in New Jersey, and nationally, for inclusion for the trans community; and

WHEREAS, she was a leading advocate for the law that became known as the "Babs Siperstein Law," which allows individuals in New Jersey to change the gender marker on their birth certificate without proof of surgery and offer a gender-neutral option; and

WHEREAS, the "Babs Siperstein Law" took effect on February 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Barbra "Babs" Siperstein passed away on February 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, she was been heralded by many as a trailblazer, a pioneer, an advocate and a friend; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy remarked, “She was a tremendous, passionate advocate for NJ's LGBTQ community, and a dear friend”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Barbra “Babs” Siperstein for her tireless and unwavering service to our country and the Democratic Party and offer condolences to her family.