

Report of the DNC Resolutions Committee To the Democratic National Committee

February 26, 2011

The Resolutions Committee was called to order by Co-Chair Maria Echaveste at 2:35 p.m., Thursday, February 24, 2011, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC. Co-Chair Echaveste announced the presence of a quorum.

There was no old business. Under new business, the Committee considered 28 resolutions submitted by the members pursuant to the 21-day deadline. The action taken by the Committee on each resolution and as recommended to the full National Committee is reflected below:

- 1 Resolution on Protecting the Progress Enacted during President Obama's First Two Years in Office was amended with the insertion of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 2 Resolution on the Economic Recovery was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 3 Resolution on the Republican Effort to Repeal the Affordable Care Act was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 4 Resolution on the Repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 5 Resolution on the State of the Union Address was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 6 Resolution Honoring the Victims, Heroes and Survivors from Tucson was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 7 Resolution Honoring Representative Gabrielle Giffords and Recognizing other Victims of the Tragedy in Arizona was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 8 Resolution Celebrating the New START Treaty was amended with the deletion and insertion of language addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 9 Resolution on Protecting a Woman's Right to Choose was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 10 Resolution on Redistricting and the Voting Rights Act Immigration was amended with the insertion of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 11 Resolution Commemorating the Service of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House was amended with the insertion of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 12 Resolution in Honor of Black History Month was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 13 Resolution Supporting Ending the War in Afghanistan now and Transferring the Funding to Job Creation, other Crucial Domestic Priorities and Deficit Reduction was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.

- 14 Resolution Saluting America's Working Families was amended with the deletion and insertion of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 15 Resolution to Drive our Party Forward and Win the Future and 16 Resolution to DRIVE Forward in 2011 and 2012 were considered together due to the same subject matter and a substitute Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee to cover the topic. This is Resolution 15 Resolution to Drive Forward which passed unanimously.
- 17 Resolution Honoring Ted Strickland for his Service to the People of Ohio was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 18 Resolution Honoring Patricia A. Waak, Three-Term Chair of the Colorado Democratic Party was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 19 Resolution Honoring the Holodomor Victims, Survivors and Their Families was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 20 Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Elizabeth Anania Edwards was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 21 Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Sargent Shriver was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 22 Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Richard Holbrooke was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 23 Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Owen B. Pickett was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 24 Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Ronald W. Walters was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 25 Resolution Honoring the Life of the Honorable Mary Peyton Chambers was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 26 Resolution Honoring the Life of Anita Freedman was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 27 Resolution in Honor of Ralph Campbell, Jr. was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
- 28 Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Joseph R. Cerrell was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the Resolutions Committee adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Jane Stetson, DNC National Finance Chair/Vermont
Steven K. Alari, California
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
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Resolution on Protecting the Progress Enacted during President Obama's First Two Years in Office

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2009, Barack Obama was sworn in as America's 44th President during a time of great American challenges and, working in concert with Congressional Democrats, immediately set about to find solutions to those challenges; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Congressional Democrats passed the Recovery Act, saving or creating more than 3 million jobs; providing the largest middle-class tax cut in a generation; and making landmark investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and education; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Congressional Democrats passed Wall Street reform that empowered consumers and investors, brought shadowy Wall Street trades out into the light, and ended taxpayer-funded bailouts; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Congressional Democrats passed credit card reform, putting a stop to unfair practices like retroactive rate hikes and requiring credit card companies to explain their terms in plain language; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Congressional Democrats passed the Affordable Care Act, ending the worst practices of the insurance industry, lowering health care costs for American families and businesses alike, and guaranteeing that every American will finally have the opportunity to purchase quality, affordable health care; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Congressional Democrats passed student loan reform, making college education more affordable for families and students and saving American taxpayers tens of billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, President Obama implemented the Post-9/11 GI Bill, increasing educational opportunities for veterans by making college more affordable for returning service members; and

WHEREAS, President Obama nominated and oversaw the confirmation of two United States Supreme Court Justices, including the first Latina Justice, and brought the total number of women sitting on the Supreme Court to an historic and unprecedented three; and

WHEREAS, President Obama set new emissions and fuel efficiency standards for American cars and light trucks and made historic investments in clean energy technologies that are helping to pave the way to a more sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, President Obama increased America's national security by ending combat operations in Iraq, concluding the New START Treaty that renews America's leadership in pursuit of a world without nuclear weapons, and pursuing a new strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, President Obama advanced civil rights by repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and enacting the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to make it easier for women to challenge unfair pay practices; and

WHEREAS, those accomplishments amount to the most productive and progressive period of American governance since President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, Republicans are trying to take back that progress, working to repeal health insurance reform and other critical reforms rather than partnering with Democrats to find bipartisan solutions to create jobs, grow the economy, and make America more competitive;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee congratulates President Obama and Democrats of the 111th Congress for passing meaningful, fair, and comprehensive legislation and successfully pursuing an agenda that strengthens America both at home and abroad; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee stands committed to protecting and communicating the progress that President Obama and Democrats in Congress have made and opposing Republican efforts to repeal that progress.

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Resolution on the Economic Recovery

WHEREAS, President Obama inherited the worst recession since the Great Depression, taking office at a time when the economy was losing nearly 800,000 jobs a month, when the banking system was in crisis, and when the credit markets were essentially frozen; and

WHEREAS, President Obama led Congressional Democrats in taking the bold, decisive steps required to bring the economy back from the brink by enacting and implementing measures that have put working families and small businesses first and that have created or saved more than three million jobs; and

WHEREAS, President Obama also led Congressional Democrats in taking the steps necessary to prevent a similar crisis from occurring in the future by enacting financial reforms that empower consumers and investors, bring shadowy Wall Street trades into the light of day, end taxpayer-funded bailouts, and ensure that American taxpayers are never again left holding the bag for Wall Street's mistakes; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the measures taken by President Obama and Democrats in Congress the American economy grew steadily in 2010, private sector employers added more than one million jobs during the course of the year, and private sector job creation has now continued uninterrupted for eleven consecutive months; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Congressional Democrats continued working throughout the past year to support job creation and boost economic growth, passing additional tax cuts and enacting additional hiring incentives to further economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has pledged to continue to work to speed America's economic recovery and hasten the day when every American who wants a job is able to find one;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee commends the extraordinary leadership of President Obama and Congressional Democrats in addressing the economic crisis, restoring economic growth, promoting job creation, and putting middle-class families first; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee pledges to continue to work with the President in further improving the economy and creating jobs.

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Resolution on the Republican Effort to Repeal the Affordable Care Act

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama and Democrats in Congress succeeded in their historic efforts to pass health insurance reform over the united opposition of Republicans and insurance companies; and

WHEREAS, the resulting law, known as the Affordable Care Act, expands health insurance coverage to 32 million Americans, guarantees that more than 24.1 million young adults 26 or younger can stay on their parents' coverage, offers health care tax credits to more than 6.7 million American small businesses, and makes life-saving medication more affordable for the more than 3.7 million seniors who will benefit from the closing of the Medicare Part D coverage gap; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act prevents insurance companies from discriminating against Americans with pre-existing conditions, a category of individuals that the Department of Health and Human Services estimates includes as many as 129 million Americans under the age 65; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act frees families from the hazard of coverage caps that kick in when insurance is most needed and from the threat of unjustifiable or sudden premium increases; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act provides people the freedom to change jobs or start their own businesses without the fear of losing their coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act gives seniors the freedom to get the care they need, including free preventive care, more affordable prescription drugs, and Medicare that they can count on; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act helps small business owners to compete with large employers by increasing their purchasing power through competitive private health insurance exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act frees our children from the threat of ever-increasing deficits by holding government accountable for its spending; reducing the deficit by a trillion dollars by cracking down on waste, fraud and abuse; and stopping hundreds of billions in unfair and irresponsible subsidies to insurance companies; and

WHEREAS, Republicans are working to take away those benefits and patient protections, in the face of public support for the law and in direct contradiction of Republicans' pledge to prioritize efforts to find bipartisan solutions to create jobs, grow the economy, and increase American competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, Republicans have already approved legislation repealing the Affordable Care Act in the House of Representatives and continue to challenge the new law in the courts as well as in Congress;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee applauds President Barack Obama and Democrats in Congress for enacting health insurance reform that guarantees all Americans affordable, quality health coverage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee condemns Republicans' partisan efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act against the wishes of the American people and pledges its support to the President and Democrats in Congress as they work to defend this critical legislation.

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Rick Stafford, Minnesota
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Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Blanco O’Leary, At-Large/Colorado
Jason Rae, Wisconsin
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution on the Repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”

WHEREAS, the United States maintains that all men and women are created equal and welcomes the service of every individual; and

WHEREAS, enabling Americans to serve in the military regardless of their sexual orientation is in keeping with those ideals; and

WHEREAS, the Pentagon has found that there is no compelling reason for preventing Americans from undertaking military service on the basis of their sexual orientation and has further found that the sexual orientation of America’s service members is of no relation to the level of honor, integrity, and courage they bring to their work; and

WHEREAS, “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” is an outdated and discriminatory policy that does not reflect American values, does not support American national security, and does not bear on the capacity of the United States military to fulfill its mission; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, a majority of Americans, and a majority of service members therefore voiced their support for the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” and Congress duly approved its repeal; and

WHEREAS, the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” reaffirmed the principles of equality and justice that define our nation and made it clear that those principles are not limited on the basis of sexual orientation or of any other quality, but extend to all Americans without limitation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee applauds President Obama and Democrats in Congress on their historic repeal of the discriminatory “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” policy.

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Resolution on the State of the Union Address

WHEREAS, the President of the United States delivers an annual State of the Union address to Congress regarding the condition of the nation, the legislative agenda, and the President's priorities for the American government; and

WHEREAS, President Obama in his first State of the Union address outlined an ambitious agenda for his Administration and has enacted a significant portion of that agenda, bringing the American economy back from the brink of a second Great Depression and enacting historic health insurance reform that ends the worst practices of the insurance industry and guarantees all Americans access to affordable care, among other things; and

WHEREAS, President Obama on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 delivered his second State of the Union address, outlining the steps America needs to take now to win the future; and

WHEREAS, President Obama's State of the Union address outlined a roadmap to full economic recovery and future prosperity and included a plan to win the future by out-innovating, out-educating, and out-building our competitors around the world; and

WHEREAS, President Obama's State of the Union address also emphasized the necessity of taking responsibility for America's deficits by investing in those things that strengthen our country and our middle class and cutting those things that don't, and by reforming our government so that it's leaner and smarter for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, President Obama in his State of the Union address also pledged to take the actions necessary to continue to keep America safe and advance its interests around the world; and

WHEREAS, President Obama advocated seeking common ground solutions to our present challenges in keeping with his vision and the necessity of cementing the foundation for 21st century American competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, President Obama throughout his State of the Union address made clear his commitment to ensuring that future generations of Americans inherit the same great country and the same great opportunities that our parents and grandparents bequeathed to us;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee offers its support to President Obama for his vision and to the President and Congress alike for the courage and leadership they have demonstrated in working to make the President's vision a reality and to ensure that America's future will be even greater than its past.

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Submitted by: Donald Bivens, Chair, Arizona
 Harriet Young, Vice Chair, Arizona
 Fred Duval, Arizona
 Adelita Grijalva, At-Large/Arizona
 June Kennedy, Arizona
 Carolyn Warner, Arizona
 Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
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 Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii
 Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Christine Schon Marques, Chair, Democrats Abroad

Resolution Honoring the Victims, Heroes and Survivors from Tucson

WHEREAS, Representative Gabrielle Giffords is a 3rd term representative from Arizona's 8th Congressional District who was the subject of an assassination attempt on Saturday January 8, 2011 at 10:10am, while hosting her well-known Congress On Your Corner event; and

WHEREAS, Gabe Zimmerman, Representative Gifford's Community Outreach Director, was shot and killed at the same January 8th event; and

WHEREAS, 9 year old Christina Taylor Green, 76 year old Dorothy Morris, 63 year old Federal Judge John Roll, 79 year old Phyllis Schneck, and 76 year old Dorwan Stoddard, were also shot and killed while innocently participating alongside Representative Giffords; and

WHEREAS, Staffers Ron Barber and Pamela Simon, along with 13 other guests and bystanders were injured, in some cases while risking their own lives coming to the aid of others; and

WHEREAS, 5-day Intern, Daniel Hernandez, Jr, immediately came to the aid of those injured, including Representative Giffords, with actions that likely saved many lives, including the congresswoman's;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee extend sincere condolences to the family and friends of those whose lives were needlessly cut short; express our continued desire to see Representative Giffords continue in her seemingly miraculous recovery and her eventual return to the halls of Congress; extend prayers, well wishes, thoughts and positive energy, to all those who are still recovering both in the hospital and at home; commend Daniel Hernandez Jr. for his act of bravery and heroism, despite his rejection of that term; recognize the courageous efforts of the Police,

Fire, Ambulance, and all the First Responders, whose quick and noble actions minimized the casualties; and will strive to, as inspired by President Obama's words, "...do everything we can to make sure this country lives up to our children's expectations".

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Resolution Honoring Representative Gabrielle Giffords and Recognizing other Victims of the Tragedy in Arizona

WHEREAS, United State Representative Gabrielle Giffords has devoted much of her adult life to her passion for public service and efforts to improve her community by serving first in the Arizona House and Senate, and later in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Giffords has been a tireless advocate for the people of Southern Arizona, working to advance job and energy creation from solar and other renewable forms of energy, secure the border and protect our communities, promote job creation, innovation and economic competitiveness, advocate fiscal responsibility and debt and deficit reduction, and expand access to health care to people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Giffords is loved and admired by all who know her, from both sides of the aisle, for her intelligence, dedication to her constituents, and warm personality; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2011, an armed gunman opened fire at a 'Congress on Your Corner' event hosted by Representative Gabrielle Giffords in Tucson, Arizona, killing 6 and wounding at least 14 others; and

WHEREAS, Christina Taylor Green, Dorothy Morris, John Roll, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard, and Gabriel Zimmerman lost their lives in this attack; and

WHEREAS, 14 others were also wounded in the shooting, including Ron Barber and Pamela Simon, both staffers to Representative Giffords; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Zimmerman was Outreach Director and Constituency Services Director for U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords and his death represents the first time in the history of Congress in which a Congressional aide has been killed in the performance of the official functions of a Congressional office;

WHEREAS, several individuals, including Patricia Maisch, Army Col. Bill Badger (Retired), who was also wounded in the shooting, Roger Sulzberger, Joseph Zimudio, and Daniel Hernandez, Jr., helped apprehend the gunman and assist the injured, thereby risking their lives for the safety of others, and should be commended for their bravery; and

WHEREAS, thanks to Mr. Hernandez's first aid training and the efforts of countless first responders, nurses, and doctors, Rep. Giffords miraculously survived a serious brain injury and her condition continues to improve every day;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee family is heartened by the wonderful news of Rep. Giffords' progress and sends their love and encouragement to the Houston, TX facility where she continues to fight to make a full recovery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee continues to honor the sacrifice of those who were injured and lost and sends its sincere condolences to family and friends affected by the tragedy.

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Submitted by: Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Pat Waak, Chair, Colorado
Dan Slater, Vice Chair, Colorado
Sharon Gomez Bonner, At-Large/Colorado
Debbie Marquez, Colorado
Blanca O'Leary, At-Large/Colorado
Mannie Rodriguez, Colorado
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
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Jason Rae, Wisconsin
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Celebrating the New START Treaty

WHEREAS, Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms – a measure more commonly known as the “Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty,” or the “New START,” is a bilateral treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation to reduce the number of nuclear arms between the two countries and build mutual trust, openness, predictability, and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, New START was negotiated in the interest of international peace and security and was the culmination of extensive talks between U.S. and Russian delegations in Geneva led by Assistant Secretary Rose Gottemoeller of the U.S. State Department and Anatoly Antonov from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and was predicated on the treaty for the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of 1968, the 1991 START I Treaty, the START II Treaty, the 2002 Treaty of Moscow (SORT) and with respect to decades of negotiations to advance nuclear disarmament; and

WHEREAS, within seven years of the execution of the New START treaty the United States and the Russian Federation will reduce the number of deployed strategic nuclear weapons including inter-continental ballistic missile launchers, submarine-launched ballistic missile launchers, and heavy bombers and will re-implement a system of arms inspection, monitoring and inventory management that will help to prevent theft of unsecured fissile material that could fuel a nuclear terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, reducing nuclear arms between the parties will enhance the safety and security of the nations and the global community – not diminish it; and

WHEREAS, the treaty will last ten years, with an option to renew it for up to five years upon agreement of both parties; and

WHEREAS, the New START Treaty was signed by the President of the United States Barack Obama and the President of the Russian Federation Dmitry Medvedev in Prague on April 8, 2010, and was ratified on the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate on December 22, 2010 by a bi-partisan vote of 71 to 26 – with the support of thirteen Republican Senators who crossed party lines to ratify the treaty and endorsements from former President George H. W. Bush and all six former Republican Secretaries of State; and

WHEREAS, President Medvedev introduced the proposed treaty for consideration in Russia’s lower house of parliament on May 28, 2010, and that the whole of the Federal Assembly of Russia approved the treaty on January 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the New START treaty was executed upon the exchange of instruments of ratification between the U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the Foreign Minister of Russia Sergey Laurov on February 5, 2011;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee fully supports the New START Treaty and commends President Obama, the United States Senate, President Medvedev and the Federal Assembly of Russia for ratifying the treaty in an effort to advance nuclear non-proliferation around the world and make our global community a safer place.

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Resolution on Protecting a Woman's Right to Choose

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has been a consistent champion of the reproductive choices guaranteed to women by the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision; and

WHEREAS, this January marked the 38th anniversary of that Supreme Court decision and of the ability of women across the country to obtain safe, legal health care regardless of their reproductive choices; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has consistently defended women's reproductive choices in the face of Republican attacks, including Republican efforts to circumscribe the health care options available to women in the aftermath of a sexual attack, incest, or other trauma; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has pledged to continue to stand up against those attacks and for women's health care and a woman's right to choose; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has additionally sought to give women even greater control over their bodies and their health by expanding access to preventive and reproductive health care that can help to reduce unintended pregnancies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee pledges continued support for women's reproductive choices and for all efforts to expand the health care options available to women throughout their lives.

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 Alice Huffman, California
 Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
 Matt Johnson, At-Large/California
 Cordelia Lewis-Burks, Vice Chair, Indiana
 Martha Love, Wisconsin
 Kerman Maddox, At-Large/California
 Rhine McLin, Vice Chair, Ohio
 Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Blanca O'Leary, At-Large/Colorado
 Johnnie Patton, Mississippi
 Karren Pope-Onwukwe, Maryland
 Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Virgie M. Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan

Resolution on Redistricting and the Voting Rights Act

WHEREAS, the right to vote is fundamental, and protects and preserves all other civil and political freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution created the world's first government founded on the consent of the governed, endowing the young republic with an electoral system based in legislative representation; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution guarantees that all Americans are entitled to equal protection under law, and provides that Members of the House of Representatives shall be apportioned among the states according to their population; and

WHEREAS, in our federal system, states have the primary duty to administer elections and state legislatures are entrusted with the responsibility to draw the boundaries of legislative districts for federal and state representatives in the process known as redistricting; and

WHEREAS, redistricting is an opportunity to ensure fair representation in the political process, that the voices of all Americans are heard equally, and that every eligible citizen can fully exercise his or her fundamental right to vote; and

WHEREAS, in some of its most insidious uses, the redistricting process has been employed to restrict the political participation of African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other racial and ethnic minorities, diluting their voting strength either by packing unnecessarily large numbers of minority communities into supermajority districts to limit the number of minority-controlled seats, or by diluting the strength of minority voters by cracking or splintering cohesive groups of communities of color; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has recently observed that “racial discrimination and racially polarized voting are not ancient history” and that “[m]uch remains to be done to ensure that citizens of all races have equal opportunity to share and participate in our democratic processes and traditions...,” and¹

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States, writing through Chief Justice Earl Warren, has said “The right to vote freely for the candidate of one’s choice is of the essence of democratic society, and any restrictions on that right strike at the heart of representative government. And the right of suffrage can be denied by a debasement or dilution of the weight of a citizen’s vote just as effectively as by wholly prohibiting the free exercise of the franchise;”² and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has held that “[A]ll who participate in the election are to have an equal vote – whatever their race, whatever their sex, whatever their occupation, whatever their income . . . The conception of political equality from the Declaration of Independence, to Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, to the Fifteenth, Seventeenth, and Nineteenth Amendments can mean only one thing – one person, one vote;”³ and

WHEREAS, inspired by the sacrifices of generations of American civil rights activists, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits laws or practices, including those redistricting plans, that deny minority voters an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Rights Act and the Supreme Court’s “one person, one vote” jurisprudence have made operable the Constitutional protections accorded to the fundamental right to vote, greatly improving the legal protections for the African American, Latino, Asian American and Pacific Islander and other racial and ethnic minority communities in the redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 and 2012, state legislatures, independent commissions, and political leaders in state legislatures across the country will convene for the next round of redistricting, drawing legislative maps that will shape federal and state elections over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, Democrats believe that the redistricting process must allow each state's electorates the full freedom of political participation and ensuring that legislative districts are drawn to protect the voice of every American; and

¹ *Bartlett v. Strickland*, 129 S. Ct. at 1249 (2009).

² *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533, 555 (1964).

³ *Gray v. Sanders*, 372 U.S. 368, 381 (1963).

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution that was ratified in 1788 provided the right to vote for representation in Congress to the “people living” in the several states of the United States, and included citizens of the several states as well as those living on the land that would later be designated by the federal government for the nation’s capital as the District of Columbia; and through the enactment of the “District of Columbia Organic Act of 1801” DC residents were disenfranchised from voting for representative Members of Congress; and today, more than half a million people reside in the District of Columbia, pay full federal taxes, and serve on juries and in our armed services, but continue to lack voting representation in Congress; and in 2007, the Democratic National Committee passed the “Resolution in Support of the District of Columbia Fair and Equal Voting Rights Act” and the 2009 “Resolution in Support of the District of Columbia House Voting Rights;” and on April 16, 2010, President Barack Obama urged “Congress to finally pass legislation that provides DC residents with voting representation;”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that members of the Democratic National Committee encourage citizens across the United States of America to endorse and support efforts towards the recognition of full voting representation for the District of Columbia by the 112th Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee calls on state legislatures, independent commissions and other leaders to draw state and federal legislative districts in accordance with the Equal Protection Clause, with fidelity to the principle of “one person, one vote,” and in recognition of the fundamental importance of the right to vote in our constitutional system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC calls on state legislatures, independent commissions and other officials to follow the letter and the spirit of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (as amended), and ensure that minority communities can fully participate in American politics and enjoy the opportunity to elect candidates of their choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC advocates for strong compliance with and enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and will continue to advance and promote an open and fair system of elections for all citizens.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: Governor Tim Kaine, DNC Chairman/Virginia
 Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
 Linda Chavez Thompson, DNC Vice Chair/Texas
 Hon. Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California
 Hon. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Vice Chair/Florida
 Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
 Andrew Tobias, DNC Treasurer/Florida
 Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
 Jane Stetson, DNC National Finance Chair/Vermont
 Steven K. Alari, California
 Gus Bickford, Massachusetts
 Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
 Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
 Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii
 Blanca O'Leary, At-Large/Colorado
 Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Rosalind Wyman, California

Resolution Commemorating the Service of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House

WHEREAS, since 1987 Nancy Pelosi has represented California's 8th Congressional District with distinction, devoting more than two decades of her life to serving the people of California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 she opened a new chapter in history when she became the first female Speaker of the House of Representatives and in so doing became not only the highest ranking female politician in history, but also one of the most effective leaders in congressional history; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years of service as a Congresswoman she served admirably on congressional committees including the Appropriations Committee, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Ethics Committee, and the Banking and Financial Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, in each of those positions, Congresswoman Pelosi has championed key legislation that puts middle class families, students, parents, children, and seniors first; and

WHEREAS, some of her proudest accomplishments include fighting for investments in American health care and health research, fighting HIV/AIDS, fighting for affordable housing programs, for security measures that have kept Americans safer here at home, and for increased human rights standards around the world; and

WHEREAS, as Speaker of the House, she served proudly alongside President Obama, helping him to pass critical legislation and overseeing one of the most productive and progressive legislative periods in American history as Speaker; and

WHEREAS, she advanced the defining American cause of equality for all, from the first days of the 110th Congress with the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to the last days of the 112th with the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell; and

WHEREAS, in that capacity she worked tirelessly to pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that helped save and create millions of jobs and put America on the road to economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, she also worked to pass the Affordable Care Act that makes health care more affordable, holds insurance companies accountable, expands coverage to all Americans, protects patients' rights, and brings down costs; and

WHEREAS, she also worked to pass the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act that makes college more affordable for students and their families; and

WHEREAS, she also worked to pass the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act that guarantees equal pay for equal work for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, she also worked to pass Wall Street reform that brings an end to Wall Street's excessive risk taking; and

WHEREAS, she also worked to increase the minimum wage, expand college aid, enhance and improve services for veterans, and boost fuel efficiency standards and will continue the fight for America's Working families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Nancy Pelosi's term as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives will be remembered as one of the most successful ever; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nancy Pelosi will always be thought of by the Democratic Party family as a leader, a trailblazer, a great Democrat, and a patriot.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/ District of Columbia
 Hon. Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California
 Hon. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Vice Chair/Florida
 Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
 Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
 Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Steven K. Alari, California
 James D. Berry, Vice Chair, District of Columbia
 Karen Carter Peterson, Louisiana
 Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
 Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Evelyn Garcia, Florida
 Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
 Alice Huffman, California
 Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
 Matt Johnson, At-Large/California
 Cordelia Lewis-Burks, Vice Chair, Indiana
 Kerman Maddox, At-Large/California
 Rhine McLin, Vice Chair, Ohio
 Martha Love, Wisconsin
 Johnnie Patton, Mississippi
 Karren Pope-Onwukwe, Maryland
 Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Virgie M. Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan

Resolution in Honor of Black History Month

WHEREAS, Carter G. Woodson, noted Black scholar, historian, and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915, which was later renamed the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson initiated Black History Week on February 12, 1926, which was celebrated by Black people in the United States during the 2nd week of February (chosen so as to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln) for many years; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation's Bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded to establish the month of February as Black History Month, now celebrated all over North America; and

WHEREAS, Black History month is an opportunity for Democrats across the United States and abroad to pay tribute to the patriotism, contributions and loyal support of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History has designated the 2011 national Black History Theme as "African Americans and the Civil War," to honor the efforts of the people of African descent to destroy slavery and inaugurate universal freedom in the United States; and

WHEREAS, during the Civil War, free blacks and slaves rallied around the Union flag in the cause of freedom, with nearly 200,000 African Americans joining the Grand Army of the Republic and enduring unequal treatment, massacres, and riots as they pursued their quest for freedom and equality; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have served with honor and distinction in the defining conflicts of the last century, including the 369th Infantry that fought in the fields of France in World War I, the Tuskegee Airmen and nearly one million African Americans who served in World War II, and the more than 500 African Americans who gave their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama is the first elected President of African American descent; and African Americans serve in vital Cabinet and Cabinet-Level positions as Attorney General, U.S. Trade Representative, Ambassador to the United Nations, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as other key administrative positions; and

WHEREAS, according to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, African American voters accounted for 10 percent of the national electorate, overwhelmingly supported Democratic candidates for the House of Representatives, and played a crucial role in Democratic victories in statewide races in New York, California, and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, in the 112th Session of Congress there are 44 African Americans in the U.S. House of Representatives who hold key positions as Assistant Minority Leader, and ranking members of the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Oversight and Government Reform, and Science, Space, and Technology Committees, as well as numerous sub-committees; and

WHEREAS, Deval Patrick, the second elected Black governor in the history of the United States of America, was reelected in 2010 as Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Kamala Harris was elected Attorney General of the State of California, Anthony Brown was reelected as the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Maryland, and Denise Nappier was reelected as State Treasurer in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, African Americans are at the helm of municipalities across the country, where they hold seats in city, county and state legislatures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party at all levels (national, state, and local) recognize and honor African Americans for their leadership in helping to end slavery; their historic contributions in preserving the Union; and their continuing service and sacrifice to our government and our nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee in respect of the contributions of the African American community and the investments they have made to our Party, shall continue to work with Democratic leaders in the U.S. House, U.S. Senate, Democratic Governors and other state and local officials to expand the participation of all minorities and other historically under-represented groups in the political process.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: Hon. Barbara Lee, California
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Hon. Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/District of Columbia
Steven K. Alari, California
Robert Checkoway, Vice Chair, Democrats Abroad
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Stanley Grossman, Democrats Abroad
Caitlin Kraft-Buchman, Democratic Abroad
Joseph Smallhoover, Democrats Abroad

Resolution Supporting Ending the War in Afghanistan Now and Transferring the Funding to Job Creation, other Crucial Domestic Priorities and Deficit Reduction

WHEREAS, the United States has been involved in war in Afghanistan for almost a decade and remains militarily engaged in what has become the longest war in American history; and

WHEREAS, the mounting costs of the war in Afghanistan, now totaling over \$100 billion a year, have constrained efforts to invest in job creation and in strengthening our country and our economy; and

WHEREAS, according to a Gallup Poll released February 2, 2011, 72% of Americans favor action to “speed up the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan”; and

WHEREAS, President Obama supports a transition to an Afghan-led security arrangement in Afghanistan “because open-ended war serves neither our interests nor the Afghan people's”; and

WHEREAS, a diplomatic solution in Afghanistan that emphasizes economic development, political reconciliation and inclusion, the engagement of regional and global stakeholders, and the safeguarding of basic human rights is essential to ensure long-term stability in Afghanistan and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, military and intelligence officials agree that the situation in Afghanistan will not ultimately be resolved by a military solution; and

WHEREAS, the national and economic security of the United States depend upon a national defense strategy which addresses the modern threat of global terrorism in an effective, sustainable, and comprehensive manner; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic Party recognizes the enormous strain placed on the U.S. military servicemembers, and their families since 2001 as a result of continuing engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan and remains committed to ensuring that our troops have the support that they require when deployed as well as the care that they and their families need and deserve when they return home;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party supports prioritizing job creation and a swift withdrawal of U.S. armed forces and military contractors in Afghanistan which must include a significant and sizable reduction no later than July 2011.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: Linda Chavez Thompson, DNC Vice Chair/Texas
John J. Sweeney, At-Large/Maryland
Gerald McEntee, At-Large/Maryland
Lee Saunders, At-Large/Maryland
Doris Crouse Mays, Virginia
Steve Powell, At-Large/Illinois
Larry Cohen, At Large/District of Columbia
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Hon. Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California
Hon. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Vice Chair/Florida
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
Steven K. Alari, California
Gus Bickford, Massachusetts
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Maria Elena Durzazo, California
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii
John Olsen, Connecticut
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia
Chris Redfern, Chair, Ohio

Resolution Saluting America's Working Families

WHEREAS, America's working families are the backbone of our communities and the foundation upon which our great nation was built; and

WHEREAS, working men and women exemplify the heroic patriotism that we aspire to -- when our country came under attack on 9/11, our first responders unhesitatingly rushed to the front lines where they saved countless lives with the sacrifice of so many of their own; it is the nurses and teachers and so many others who devote themselves every day to keeping our families and communities healthy and giving our children a shot at a brighter future; it is working men and women who build and maintain the infrastructure of our lives, from roads to bridges to broadband to green technology; it is the unsung service workers whom we rely upon to prepare and serve our food, mop the floors and maintain our hotels; it is working people in thousands of industries and occupations who make our economy work; and

WHEREAS, all working women and men have dignity and the right to respect and a free choice to use the strength of their numbers to gain a voice at work; and

WHEREAS, protecting the freedom of America's workers to form unions and bargain collectively to gain a voice at work and a better life is the law of the land and a core principle of the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, without the freedom to join together in unions, working people would have no way to check unrestrained corporate power, no way to secure fair wages, no way to curb the outsourcing of good jobs and no way to secure balance in our economy;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party always has been, and always will be, the champion and defender of working men and women and their freedom to come together in unions; and

WHEREAS, whether it's creating the minimum wage and Social Security, fighting pay discrimination, enhancing worker safety, ending child labor, or creating the weekend, the Democratic Party always has been, and always will be, a fierce advocate for an economy that works for everyone; and

WHEREAS, America's workers are under vicious and unrelenting attacks across the country from politicians using the same old politics to silence their voices and eliminate their ability to check corporate power through their unions; and

WHEREAS, these attacks on working families are blatant political payback to some corporate and Wall Street CEOs for their unprecedented support of anti-worker candidates; and

WHEREAS, these anti-worker Governors and State Legislators are trying to slash workers' salaries, benefits and pensions, earned through years of contributions, while not asking Wall Street, corporations and the very wealthy to pay their fair share; and

WHEREAS, these anti-worker Governors and State Legislators continue to promote outsourcing American jobs overseas; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party is committed to fighting for, and taking action on behalf of, the millions of Americans who are struggling to find work and support their families;

WHEREAS, we urge Democratic elected officials to avoid the chorus of anti-union politicians and we applaud those who are standing tall for America's working families and the American Labor movement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) encourages Democratic candidates and officeholders at all levels of government to stand in solidarity with America's working families and their unions and oppose deceptive legislation such as so called "right to work" and "paycheck protection" legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC encourages Democratic candidates and officeholders at all levels of government to oppose, in active and visible ways, these attacks on working families and their unions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC encourages Democratic candidates and officeholders at all levels of government to actively support, in visible ways, workers' local organizing campaigns and collective bargaining – while publicly challenging Governors, State Legislators or corporations that thwart workers' freedom to form unions to improve their lives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC recommends that Democratic Committees at the state and local levels pass similar resolutions, and advocate state laws and local ordinances supporting and defending the rights of working Americans.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by:

Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Linda Chavez Thompson, DNC Vice Chair/Texas
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Andrew Tobias, DNC Treasurer/Florida
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
Jane Stetson, DNC National Finance Chair/Vermont
Susan Turnbull, Chair, Maryland
Patti Higgins, Chair, Alaska
Hon. John Wisniewski, Chair, New Jersey
Dan Parker, Chair, Indiana
John Burton, Chair, California
Mark Brewer, Chair, Michigan
Hon. Chris Redfern, Chair, Ohio
Hon. Jim Elliott, Chair, Montana
Javier Gonzales, Chair, New Mexico
Boyd Richie, Chair, Texas
Judith Bevans, Chair, Vermont
Chip Forester, Chair, Tennessee
John D. Daniello, Chair, Delaware
Todd Goodman, Chair, Oklahoma
Vic Covalt, Chair, Nebraska
Nancy DiNardo, Chair, Connecticut
John Walsh, Chair, Massachusetts
Anita Bonds, Chair, District of Columbia
Susan Montee, Chair, Missouri
Annadelle Sanchez, Vice Chair, New Mexico
Deb Kozikowski, Vice Chair, Massachusetts
Hon. Constance A. "Connie" Howard, Vice Chair, Illinois
Alexandra Gallardo Rooker, Vice Chair, California
Cordelia Lewis-Burks, Vice Chair, Indiana
Christine Boyd, Vice Chair, Oklahoma
Dan Slater, Vice Chair, Colorado
Hon Rhine McLin, Vice Chair, Ohio
Hon. Talmadge Branch, Vice Chair, Maryland
Dana Redd, Vice Chair, New Jersey
Dominic Balletto, Vice Chair, Connecticut
Don Gray, Vice Chair, Alaska
Elisa Parker, Vice Chair, Tennessee
Maureen K. Monahan, Vice Chair, Nebraska

Michael Inners, Vice Chair, Vermont
Elsie Burkhalter, Vice Chair, Louisiana
Arthenia Abbott, Vice Chair, Michigan
Robert Levine, Vice Chair, Missouri
Martha Fuller Clark, Vice Chair, New Hampshire
Bel Leong Hong, At-Large/Maryland
Iris Martinez, Illinois
Hon. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, South Carolina
Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan
Hon. Heather Mizeur, Maryland
Susan Thomson, Massachusetts
Tonio Burgos, New Jersey
Diane Saxe, Massachusetts
Ed Cote, Washington
Mary Gail Gwaltney, New Mexico
Judith Hope, New York
Hon. Jay Goyal, At-Large/Ohio
Robert Rankin, California
Betty Richie, Texas
Cindy Spanyers, Alaska
Sam Spencer, Maine
Maggie Allen, Maine
Maurice Davison, Indiana
June Fischer, New Jersey
George Norcross, New Jersey
Greg Pecoraro, Maryland
Paul Bontempo, New Jersey
Glen Middleton, Maryland
Vince Powers, Nebraska
Chris Stampolis, California
Nancy Larson, Minnesota
Johnnie Patton Mississippi
Jason Rae, Wisconsin
Billi Gosh, Vermont
Ian Olson, Alaska
Jon Ausman, Florida
Jim Frasier, Oklahoma
Dean Boerste, Indiana
Jean Lemire Dahlman, Montana
Jane Erdenberger, Nebraska
Karen Valentine, Delaware
Patty Hobbs, NFDW/California
Fred Strahorn, Ohio
Erin Bilbray Kohn, Nevada
Marcel Groen, Pennsylvania
Ann M. Bochnowski, Indiana
Maria Cardone, National Democratic Seniors Coordinating Council/Maryland
Raymond Sanchez, New Mexico
Garry Shay, California
Christine Trujillo, At-Large/New Mexico
Linda Schneider, Ohio

Enid Goubeaux, Ohio
Marcia Marley, New Jersey
Brenda J. Council, At-Large/Nebraska
Karren Pope-Onwukwe, Maryland
Don Beavers, Arkansas
Betty McElderry, Oklahoma
Rollie Hicks, Wisconsin
Jesse Durfee, California
Rebecca Doten, California
Hon. Yvonne Davis, Texas
Andrew Lachman, California
Lauren Zakson, California
Raymond Jordan, Massachusetts
James Roosevelt, Jr., At-Large/Massachusetts
Gerard Sweeney, New York
Stephanie Hausner, Young Democrats of America/New York
Peter Burling, New Hampshire
CJ Prentiss, Ohio
Paula Zellner, Wisconsin
Renee Pfenning, North Dakota
Caitlin Kraft-Buchman, Democrats Abroad
Thomas Hynes, Illinois
Jim Frasier, Oklahoma
Doug Brooks, Missouri
Carol Pensky, At-Large/Maryland
Barbra Casper Superstein, At-Large/New Jersey
Rena Baumgartner, Pennsylvania
Ken Ullman, National Democratic County Officials/Maryland
Christine Pelosi, California
Rachel Binah, California
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Wayne Holland, Chair, Utah
Aleita J. Huguenin, California
Frank Leone, Virginia
Alfonso Lopez, At-Large/Virginia
Blanca O'Leary, At-Large/Colorado
Mame Reiley, Virginia
Mannie Rodriguez, Colorado
Rosalind Wyman, California
Maggie Allen, Maine
Sam Spencer, Maine
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Steven K. Alari, California
Gus Bickford, Massachusetts

Resolution to DRIVE

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) has shown that a strong element of the electoral success is due to a strong unified field program; and

WHEREAS, the DNC and our State Parties need to engage and energize our core supporters and constituencies as we prepare for a coordinated campaign everywhere and consistent and comprehensive organizing will improve electoral options up and down the ballot in 2011, 2012 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the enhanced Votebuilder has been an unprecedented success and needs to continuously be available as an organizing tool; and

WHEREAS, each State Party functions differently, but all benefit by a strong field and communications operation with specific minimum standards; and

WHEREAS, leaders of the Democratic Party of the United States of America – from the President and Vice President to the Members of Congress, from Governors and other statewide elected officials to the state legislators, from Mayors to other local elected officials, from national, state and local Democratic committees to Democratic National Committee members, state party leaders, Organizing for America coordinators, and local Democratic activists – are united in our commitment to recruit grassroots volunteers, engage voters, advance values, and win elections to make progress in the lives of the American people; and

WHEREAS, our Party stands the greatest chance of success if it remains united in the face of disunity among Republican organizations; and

WHEREAS, as the Association of State Democratic Chairs (ASDC) and the Democratic National Committee have approved an agreement for an expanded State Partnership Program that will provide the necessary resources to achieving these goals;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee endorses the agreement between the ASDC and the DNC and reaffirms its commitment to engaging grassroots Democrats, reaching out to our core supporters and constituencies, and developing strong local Democratic talent.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: Chris Redfern, Chair, Ohio
Rhine McLin, Vice Chair, Ohio
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Hon. Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
Susan W. Turnbull, Chair, Maryland
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring Ted Strickland for his Service to the People of Ohio

WHEREAS, Ted Strickland was born in Duck Run, Scioto County Ohio, one of nine children whose father was a steelworker; and

WHEREAS, Ted Strickland was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in history with a minor in psychology from Asbury College, a Master of Arts degree in guidance counseling from the University of Kentucky, a Master of Divinity from the Asbury Theological Seminary, and a Ph. D in counseling psychology from the University of Kentucky, making him the first person in his family to earn an advanced degree; and

WHEREAS, Ted Strickland's career in service to the public and community began as a counseling psychologist at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, Ohio, then as an administrator at a Methodist children's home in Scioto County, Ohio and then as a professor of psychology at Shawnee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ted Strickland was elected to Congress from Ohio's Sixth District and spent twelve years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Ted Strickland was elected Governor of Ohio in November, 2006 and assumed the office in January, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Ted Strickland believed in standing up for the working, middle class people of Ohio, for children, for public school and higher education for all, and for those with disabilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee recognizes the service of Ted Strickland and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: Anthony Graves, Colorado
 Blanca O'Leary, At-Large/Colorado
 Dan Slater, Vice Chair, Colorado
 Sharon Gomez Bonner, At-Large/Colorado
 Debbie Marquez, Colorado
 Mannie Rodriguez, Colorado
 Hon. Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California
 Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
 Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
 Steven K. Alari, California
 Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
 Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring Patricia A. Waak, Three-Term Chair of the Colorado Democratic Party

WHEREAS, Patricia A. "Pat" Waak is the Chair of the Colorado Democratic Party where she has served with distinction for six years after having been elected to three consecutive terms in office where she was instrumental in leading Colorado to Democratic majorities in the State House, the State Senate, the Governor's Mansion and the U.S. Congress during her tenure in 2006, and helped set the stage to host the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado where the former U.S. Senator Barack Obama received the Democratic Nomination for President of the United States, and went on to win the State of Colorado to become the 44th President; and

WHEREAS, with the help of her hardworking and dedicated Vice Chair Dan Slater, the State Democratic Party Officers and Staff, Colorado Democratic party activists, Organizing For America volunteers, Democratic elected officials across the state, and with the support of the President and First Lady of the United States, Barack and Michelle Obama and the Chairman of Democratic National Committee, Governor Tim Kaine who made guest appearances to rally voters, fought back a tide of 2010 mid-term election defeats across the country and defied the odds in Colorado by electing Democrats to the Governor's Mansion, the U.S. Senate and defended several Congressional seats; and

WHEREAS, Waak has held a long and distinguished career in public service, where she has labored tirelessly to improve the quality of life for others in the U.S. and abroad as a former nurse, a Peace Corp volunteer in Brazil, a federal employee during the Carter Administration in the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Assistant Director for the Center for Population and Family Health at Columbia University, an advocate for the National Audubon Society, a Delegate to the U.N. Conference on International Population and Development, as a well-respected Congressional Candidate in Colorado's 4th Congressional District and now as a population and environmental policy consultant; and

WHEREAS, Waak is the first Chair in 54 years to serve three terms at the helm of the Colorado Democratic Party, where she has worked tirelessly over the last six years to elect Democratic candidates at great personal cost to her family and friends, and spent significant time away from her loving husband Ken Strom; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Delegation of the Democratic National Committee, Colorado Democratic Party Officers and staff, Colorado's Democratic elected officials and activists greatly appreciate her service to the principals of the Democratic party; and

WHEREAS, Waak has announced that she has chosen to not run for a fourth term as Chair of the Colorado Democratic Party, so that she might create a leadership development opportunity for the next generation of Colorado's Democratic political leadership while she pursues other options in public service;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Democratic National Committee expresses its sincere appreciation for Pat Waak's selfless contributions to the Democratic Party and salutes her successful track record in electing Democratic Candidates to office during her historic three terms as Chair of the Colorado Democratic Party.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: James Zogby, At-Large/District of Columbia
Marilyn Piurek, National Democratic Ethnic Coordinating
Committee/Connecticut
Ilar Zherka, National Democratic Ethnic Coordinating
Committee/District of Columbia
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
Steven K. Alari, California
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado

Resolution Honoring the Holodomor Victims, Survivors and Their Families

WHEREAS, the Holodomor (Famine-Genocide) in Ukraine, perpetrated by the totalitarian government of the Soviet Union and its dictator Joseph Stalin in 1932-33 was one of the greatest crimes in history;

WHEREAS, the Soviet Government deliberately seized the entire grain harvest in Ukraine during the final phase of Stalin's collectivization policy in the First Five Year Plan;

WHEREAS, this action resulted in widespread starvation throughout the countryside in Soviet Ukraine;

WHEREAS, Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin ordered the borders of Ukraine sealed to prevent anyone from escaping the man-made starvation;

WHEREAS, the deliberate starvation of the Ukrainian population in the countryside was accompanied by mass arrests, executions and deportations to Siberia of thousands of people from Ukraine's cultural, political and religious sectors;

WHEREAS, the Soviet government manipulated and censored foreign journalists to prevent news of the man-made famine from being communicated to the world;

WHEREAS, New York Times correspondent Walter Duranty knowingly denied the existence of the famine, even as he privately said the Famine had claimed as many as 10 million victims;

WHEREAS, Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin used the same number of victims when he told British Prime Minister Winston Churchill about his campaign to impose collectivization;

WHEREAS, Holodomor scholar Robert Conquest conservatively estimates 7 million victims of the Famine, including those of non-Ukrainian nationalities;

WHEREAS, the 1988 Report to Congress of the United States Commission on the Ukraine Famine estimates that upwards of 8 million or more victims of the Holodomor;

WHEREAS, after exhaustive study the United States Commission on the Ukraine Famine concluded that the victims of the Holodomor were “starved to death in a man-made famine” and that “Joseph Stalin and those around him committed genocide against Ukrainians in 1932-33”;

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2008 the Ukrainian Parliament (Rada) determined the Holodomor to be a deliberate policy of Genocide against the Ukrainian nation, orchestrated by Joseph Stalin and the Soviet government;

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2006 the President of the United States signed into law P.L. 109-340 authorizing the Government of Ukraine to “establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor the victims of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide of 1932-33”;

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives on September 23, 2008 passed H.Res. 1314 to commemorate the 76th Anniversary of the Holodomor with 7-10 million victims;

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama recognized the 76th Anniversary of Holodomor Remembrance Day stating that “remembering the victims of the man-made catastrophe of Holodomor provides us an opportunity to reflect upon the plight of all those who have suffered the consequences of extremism and tyranny around the world. We hope that the remembrance of Holodomor will help prevent such tragedy in the future;”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Democratic National Committee extend its sympathies to the victims, survivors and families affected by the Holodomor and join the Ukrainian-American community and its friends in condemning the atrocity perpetrated by the Soviet Government and encouraging appropriate commemoration of this crime and its victims, including construction of the monument authorized by the Congress of the United States and signed into law by the President as P.L. 109-340.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: David Parker, Chair, North Carolina
 Gwen Wilkins, Vice Chair, North Carolina
 Pat Cotham, North Carolina
 Philip Gilfus, North Carolina
 Ed Turlington, At-Large/North Carolina
 Everett Ward, North Carolina
 Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
 Hon. Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California
 Hon. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Vice Chair/Florida
 Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
 Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
 Steven K. Alari, California
 Peter Hoe Burling, New Hampshire
 Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
 Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii
 Blanca O'Leary, At-Large/Colorado

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Elizabeth Anania Edwards

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Anania Edwards was born in 1949 in Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, she grew up in a number of different places, including Japan, where her father Vincent, a US Navy pilot, was stationed; and

WHEREAS; she received a bachelor's in English and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, after law school, she clerked for a US District Court Judge in Norfolk, Virginia and practiced law in Nashville, Tennessee prior to moving to Raleigh, North Carolina in 1981; and

WHEREAS, she was a skilled lawyer while practicing in North Carolina, both at the State Attorney General's Office and in private practice; and

WHEREAS, she was a community leader and volunteer in Raleigh in a number of areas including the schools attended by her children and numerous charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, she and her husband John had four children: Cate, Wade, Emma Claire and Jack; and

WHEREAS, after the death of Wade in 1996, she devoted much of her time to the Wade Edwards Foundation, a nonprofit to reward, encourage and inspire young people in their educational pursuits, especially by providing access to information technology; and

WHEREAS, she was a valued advisor and advocate for her husband John during his public life as a US Senator from North Carolina and as a candidate for President and Vice President; and

WHEREAS, she was an effective advocate for the Democratic Party and its candidates; and

WHEREAS, her public battle with cancer and her books sharing stories about how she and others overcame adversity inspired millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, her legacy is described by some of her final words when she said, "In the simple act of living with hope, and in the daily effort to have a positive impact in the world, the days I do have are made all the more meaningful and precious. And for that, I am grateful."; and

WHEREAS on December 7, 2010, she passed away at her home in Chapel Hill after a courageous six-year battle with cancer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the DNC honor her life and extend its condolences to her family.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: Pat Waak, Chair, Colorado
 Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
 Susan Turnbull, Chair, Maryland
 Gregory Pecoraro, Maryland
 Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
 Hon. Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California
 Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
 Steven K. Alari, California
 Gus Bickford, Massachusetts
 Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
 Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
 Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
 Blanca O’Leary, At-Large/Colorado
 Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Sargent Shriver

WHEREAS, Sargent Shriver, an outstanding public servant, carried his energy and vision for peace and justice through a long career that created a legacy of change for millions of Americans and families around the world; and

WHEREAS, Sargent Shriver was the founder of the Peace Corps under President John F. Kennedy which celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Sargent Shriver developed the War on Poverty under President Lyndon Johnson and created programs like HeadStart, Job Corps, VISTA, Community Action, Legal Services to the Poor and Foster Grandparents; and

WHEREAS, Sargent Shriver served as the U.S. Ambassador to France; and

WHEREAS, Sargent Shriver was the 1972 Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate, working tirelessly on behalf of the ticket and all other Democratic candidates; and

WHEREAS, Sargent Shriver was revered for his enthusiasm and ability to find ways to address the challenges faced by those least able to find solutions and Senator Jay Rockefeller stated, "He personified the optimistic spirit of an era and showed us by his example how to turn vision and commitment into action for others."; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama said, "His loss will be felt in all of the communities around the world that have been touched by Peace Corps volunteers over the past half century and all of the lives that have been made better by his efforts to address inequality and injustice here at home."; and

WHEREAS, President William Jefferson Clinton awarded Sargent Shriver, along with his late wife, Eunice, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the only couple to be so honored; and

WHEREAS, Sargent Shriver’s dedication to service to our country is matched only by his dedication to his beloved late wife Eunice, his daughter, his four sons, and nineteen grandchildren;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee assert that the life and service of

Sargent Shriver has furthered the progress of the Democratic Party, made stronger the Nation, and strengthened its place in the world.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: Governor Tim Kaine, DNC Chairman /Virginia
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Hon. Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
Steven K. Alari, California
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Richard Holbrooke

WHEREAS, Richard Holbrooke was born in New York, New York, on April 24, 1941, and

WHEREAS, he received an A.B. from Brown University in 1962; and

WHEREAS, shortly after graduating from Brown, Holbrooke entered the Foreign Service; and

WHEREAS, a year later, after Vietnamese language training, he was sent to Vietnam, where he first served in the Mekong Delta, as a civilian representative for the Agency for International Development and then in the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, where he was staff assistant to Ambassadors Maxwell Taylor and Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, President Lyndon Johnson asked Holbrooke, at the age of 24, to join a team of Vietnam experts at the White House; and

WHEREAS, Holbrooke then served as a special assistant to Under Secretaries of State Nicholas Katzenbach and Elliott Richardson; and

WHEREAS, he was asked to be part of the American delegation to the 1968 Paris peace talks; and

WHEREAS, he drafted a volume of the Pentagon Papers, a top-secret report on the government's decision-making in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Richard Holbrooke spent a year as a mid-career fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, he was appointed Peace Corps Director in Morocco, where he served for two years before being named managing editor of the magazine *Foreign Policy*; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, he left *Foreign Policy* to serve as campaign coordinator for national security affairs for Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign and on March 31, 1977 became Assistant Secretary of State for Eastern Asian and Pacific Affairs; and

WHEREAS, in January 1981, Holbrooke left government service and joined Lehman Brothers, where he worked until 1993; and

WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton appointed Richard Holbrooke Ambassador to Germany in 1993, where he helped shape U.S. relations with a new Germany after reunification; and

WHEREAS, Richard Holbrooke returned to Washington in 1994 to become assistant secretary of European Affairs; and;

WHEREAS, in 1996 he was awarded the Manfred Worner Medal by the German Ministry of Defense for public figures who have rendered special meritorious service to peace and freedom in Europe; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the State Department in 1996, Holbrooke joined Credit Suisse First Boston, where he eventually became Vice Chairman; and

WHEREAS, during this period Holbrooke was asked by President Clinton to become, as a private citizen, a special envoy to Cyprus and the Balkans where he worked to end the conflict between the armed forces of Serbia and the Kosovo Liberation Army; and

WHEREAS, in August 1999, Richard Holbrooke was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, where he pushed for more peacekeeping forces and drew attention to conflicts in Africa; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the U.N., Holbrooke took over the Global Business Council on HIV/AIDS, a non-governmental organization intended to mobilize businesses and corporations in the fight against AIDS and over the next six years turned it into a worldwide organization with over 225 members; and

WHEREAS, in January 2009, Richard Holbrooke was appointed by President Barack Obama as special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2010, he was admitted to George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he underwent 20 hours of surgery to repair an aortic dissection and on December 13, 2010, Richard Holbrooke died from complications of the torn aorta; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama described Richard Holbrooke as “a truly unique figure who will be remembered for his tireless diplomacy, love of country, and pursuit of peace”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honor Richard Holbrooke for his contributions to our nation and offer its condolences to his family.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: Governor Tim Kaine, DNC Chairman /Virginia
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Owen B. Pickett

WHEREAS, Owen Pickett was born in Richmond, Virginia, on August 31, 1930; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Virginia Tech in 1952 and from the University of Richmond law school in 1955; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Owen Pickett was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates, where he became a member of the House Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, he served as Chair of the Democratic Party of Virginia in the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Norfolk, Virginia's Eastern Shore and Virginia Beach, and was appointed to the Armed Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, Owen Pickett was known for his attention to military issues and shipbuilding industries, which were so important to his District; and

WHEREAS, during his 14 years in Congress, a sign hung in each of his three offices that read: "This office belongs to the people of the 2nd Congressional District of Virginia" and this motto exemplified his belief that addressing constituent concerns was his primary concern; and

WHEREAS, Owen Pickett often partnered with House members, regardless of party, to work for the causes that were important to his constituents; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000, Mr. Pickett focused on developing real estate and continued to serve the Commonwealth and the people of Virginia in important capacities, including as Co-Chair of the Virginia Commission on Base Retention; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2010, Owen Pickett died at his home in Virginia Beach of congestive heart failure at the age of 80;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Owen Pickett for his contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia and offer its condolences to his family.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/ District of Columbia
 Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
 Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
 Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia
 James D. Berry, Vice Chair, District of Columbia
 Karen Carter Peterson, Louisiana
 Evelyn Garcia, Florida
 Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
 Alice Huffman, California
 Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
 Matt Johnson, At-Large/California
 Cordelia Lewis-Burks, Vice Chair, Indiana
 Kerman Maddox, At-Large/California
 Rhine McLin, Vice Chair, Ohio
 Martha Love, Wisconsin
 Johnnie Patton, Mississippi
 Karren Pope-Onwukwe, Maryland
 Virgie M. Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan
 Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia
 James Zogby, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Ronald W. Walters

WHEREAS, Ronald Walters was born in Wichita, Kansas on July, 20, 1938; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Fisk University in 1963, received a master's degree in African studies in 1966 from American University, and a doctorate in international studies in 1971 from American University; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Walters was one of the country's leading scholars on the politics of race; and

WHEREAS, he was also an activist who lead what many historians consider the nation's first lunch-counter sit-in protest at the Dockum drugstore in Wichita in July 1958; and

WHEREAS, he taught at Syracuse University in the late 1960s and became the first chairman of Afro-American studies at Brandeis University in Boston before joining the faculty at Howard University in the early 1970s, where he rose to the position of chairman of the political science department; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Walters helped develop the intellectual framework of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and worked as a top advisor of Rep. Charles Diggs (D-MI), the first chairman of the CBC; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, he was a founder of the TransAfrica Forum, a group that led the fight against South African apartheid and sought to improve conditions in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters was a founder and Board Member of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, an organization dedicated to increase Black civic engagement and voter empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Walters served as a confidant, strategic advisor on issues, the platform committee, rules and bypass committee, during the historic and ground breaking campaigns of Rev. Jesse Jackson in both 1984 and 1988; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Walters was the author of over 100 articles and thirteen books and his book, *Black Presidential Politics in America*, won the Ralph Bunche Prize given by the American Political Science Association and became the blueprint for the presidential campaign of Rev. Jesse Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters served as director of the African American Leadership Institute and a distinguished scholar at the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership at the University of Maryland from 1996 until his retirement in 2009; and

WHEREAS, he was a sought-after commentator and columnist on political issues, authoring weekly columns for the Washington Informer and the Richmond (Va.) Free Press that eventually were syndicated to other black newspapers through the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Service; and

WHEREAS, when Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans in 2005, Dr. Walters became a leading voice in highlighting the inequality that tarnished the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, one of seven children, Ron Waters was the eldest son of Maxine and Gilmar “Butter” Walters; his father, a retired civil servant, a “Buffalo Soldier,” and a Tuskegee Airman, was also a professional musician; and his mother was a Kansas state civil rights investigator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters is survived by his wife of 47 years, Patricia Turner Walters, who resides in Silver Spring, MD; his brothers: Duane in Atlanta, GA; Terry in Oklahoma City, OK; Kevin in Bowie, MD; and sisters: Marcia in Austin, TX; and Sharon in Atlanta, GA; a host of relatives in KS, CA, MI, CO, IL, etc., and cherished friends and colleagues;

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2010, Ronald Walters died of cancer at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland at the age of 72;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honor Dr. Ronald Walters for his contributions to the historic struggle for both civil and voting rights and the study of political science, Black leadership in the twentieth century and political empowerment for all Americans.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
 Martha Fuller Clark, Vice Chair, New Hampshire
 Kathy Sullivan, New Hampshire
 Peter Burling, New Hampshire
 JoAnne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
 Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
 Linda Chavez Thompson, DNC Vice Chair/Texas
 Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
 Hon. Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California
 Jane Stetson, DNC National Finance Chair/Vermont
 Andrew Tobias, DNC Treasurer/Florida
 Larry Puccio, Chair, West Virginia
 Belinda Biafore, Vice Chair, West Virginia
 Pat Maroney, West Virginia
 Marie L. Prezioso, West Virginia
 Gus Bickford, Massachusetts
 Anthony E. Graves, Colorado

Resolution Honoring the Life of the Honorable Mary Peyton Chambers

WHEREAS, Mary Peyton Chambers lived a life of generosity and warmth to her friends and family, commitment to helping the lives of children and working families, and brought great exceptional political acumen to the great state of New Hampshire as a political leader ; and

WHEREAS, Mary Peyton Chambers was born on August 31, 1931, in Poca, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Poca High School, Class of 1948, and West Virginia Wesleyan University, Class of 1952, and went to Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and earned a master's degree in special education in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Mary Peyton Chambers taught at and was director of what would later become the Baird Children's Center in Burlington, VT, and was one of the first teachers in the nation to attempt to educate institutionalized children; and

WHEREAS, she moved to New Hampshire in 1968 and immediately became an extraordinarily talented political activist; and

WHEREAS, Mary Peyton Chambers founded the Upper Valley Adult Basic Education program in Lebanon, NH in 1974, serving also as a teacher and director; and

WHEREAS, she was a New Hampshire State Representative from 1972-1992, serving as House Deputy Democratic Leader from 1977 to 1984 and House Democratic Leader from 1985 to 1992 therefore becoming the first woman to lead a NH legislative caucus; and

WHEREAS, Mary Peyton Chambers served on the NH Democratic State Committee for thirty eight years, serving in many positions including state party vice-chair from 1993-1997; and

WHEREAS, she served as a member of the Democratic National Committee from 1988 to 1997, and served as a delegate to the 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992 and 1996 Democratic National Conventions, and served as NH delegation chair in 1984 and 1988 of the NH delegations to the 1984; and

WHEREAS, she served as a member of the Professional Conduct Committee of the NH Supreme Court, and was appointed by President Carter to serve on the National Council for the Handicapped in 1980, and was a NH Presidential Elector for President Clinton in 1992 and served as chair of the NH Sweepstakes Commission appointed by Governor Jeanne Shaheen; and

WHEREAS, Mary Peyton Chambers has been the recipient of many awards for her tireless work on behalf of the people of the State of New Hampshire and has served as a constant source of inspiration and guidance over years for people across the Granite State; and

WHEREAS, Mary Peyton Chambers passed away Saturday, November 20, 2010, in Lebanon, New Hampshire at the age of 79;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honor the life of Mary Peyton Chambers and offer its condolences to her children, Hank, Jim and Jane, her extended family and her many colleagues and friends.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Martha Fuller Clark, Vice Chair, New Hampshire
Kathy Sullivan, New Hampshire
Peter Burling, New Hampshire
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Linda Chavez Thompson, Vice Chair/Texas
Hon. Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California
Andrew Tobias, DNC Treasurer/Florida
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
Jane Stetson, DNC National Finance Chair/Vermont
Gus Bickford, Massachusetts
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia
Susan W. Turnbull, Chair, Maryland

Resolution Honoring the Life of Anita Freedman

WHEREAS, Anita Freedman was a dedicated and tireless champion of all Democrats, her community, family and faith; and

WHEREAS, Anita Freedman was born in Exeter, New Hampshire in 1928 and went on to marry her teenage sweetheart, Norman Freedman; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of Temple Israel in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, a lifetime member of Hadassah, a member of the Sisterhood of the Temple and past president of the National Council of Jewish Women; and

WHEREAS, she was a longtime and dedicated resident of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, serving as a commissioner of the Portsmouth Housing Authority from 1985 to 2010 and as a member of the board of directors of the Prescott Park Arts Festival; and

WHEREAS, Anita Freedman began her political career in 1975 as the Seacoast Representative for Congressman Norm D'Amours and continued in that position until 1985; and

WHEREAS, Anita Freedman served on the New Hampshire Democratic State Committee for thirty years, as secretary of the state committee from 1985 to 1997, as treasurer of the Rockingham County Democrats for twenty years and more than a decade as chair of the Portsmouth City Democrats; and

WHEREAS, she served as a member of the Democratic National Committee from 1985 to 2008, and served as a delegate to the 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008 Democratic National Conventions; and

WHEREAS, Anita Freedman was honored by the Democratic National Committee by receiving the 1994 O'Brien Award; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Democratic Party established the annual Norm and Anita Freedman Award in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Anita Freedman was the 1992 and 1996 NH co-chair for President Bill Clinton and was an enthusiastic leader of Senator Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Clintons released a statement saying "We are deeply saddened by the passing of our dear friend Anita Freedman. Her loyalty, support, and service to the New Hampshire Democratic Party not only helped us both at critical junctures in our own lives, but advanced the future of our nation;" and

WHEREAS, Anita Freedman served on the Advisory Committee to the White House Conference on Aging and the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad under President Clinton; and

WHEREAS, her passion and dedication to what she believed in touched the lives of so many people across New Hampshire and the country; and

WHEREAS, Anita Freedman passed away on October 9, 2010 at the age of 82;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honor the life of Anita Freedman and offer its condolences to her son Rich, her extended family and many friends.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by: David Parker, Chair, North Carolina
Gwen Wilkins, Vice Chair, North Carolina
Pat Cotham, North Carolina
Philip Gilfus, North Carolina
Ed Turlington, At-Large/North Carolina
Everett Ward, North Carolina
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado

Resolution in Honor of Ralph Campbell, Jr.

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. was born December 7, 1946 at St. Agnes hospital on the campus of St. Augustine's College to June and Ralph Campbell Sr. who were prominent civil rights leaders in the state of North Carolina; his father was president of the Raleigh NAACP Chapter, and Campbell's mother, June, made history in June 1960 when she walked Ralph's youngest brother, second-grader William, into the all-white Murphey School, integrating the city's school system; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 Campbell graduated from St. Augustine College with a degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Campbell joined the US Army Reserves, serving until 1977; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 Ralph Campbell, Jr. began his distinguished career as an auditor with the NC Dept. of Revenue, working there until 1986; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. was elected to the Raleigh City Council and served the citizens of Raleigh from 1985-1992; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. served as the Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Raleigh from 1989-1991; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. served the people of Raleigh with distinction and worked on many public improvements including the renovation of the historic Murphey School into affordable housing for seniors; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Ralph Campbell, Jr. was elected State Auditor and became the first African American in North Carolina History to win a statewide election to a position on the Council of State; and

WHEREAS, Campbell served the people of North Carolina as State Auditor with honor, distinction and integrity from 1992-2004 and was hailed by his colleagues across the nation as one of the best to have ever served; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as State Auditor, Campbell substantially upgraded the technology in the State Auditor's office and completed over 3600 audits of state government agencies; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell called upon the North Carolina Democratic Party to expand the opportunities for African Americans, women and younger Democrats to fully participate in the Party at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. served as Treasurer of the North Carolina Democratic Party from 2005-2007 during a period of unprecedented growth and prosperity for the Party; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. departed this world on January 11, 2011 after an extensive illness; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. through his lifetime of service and devotion to the African American community, the Democratic Party and the people of North Carolina, leaves behind a legacy of honesty and integrity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party mourns the passing of Ralph Campbell, Jr., a leader and role model who never waived in his duty to the people of North Carolina and our nation.

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

Submitted by:

John Burton, Chair, California	Hon. Barbara Lee, California
Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/ California	Evan Low, At-Large/California
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia	Kerman Maddox, At-Large/California
Steven K. Alari, California	Bob Mulholland, California
Rachel Binah, California	Christine Pelosi, California
Hon. Debra Bowen, Democratic Association of Secretaries of State/California	Hon. John A. Perez, California
Becca Doten, California	Robert Rankin, California
Mary Elena Durazo, At-Large/California	Garry Shay, California
Jess Durfee, California	Chris Stampolis, California
Mary Ellen Early, California	Keith Umemoto, California
Maria Echaveste, At-Large/California	Hon. Maxine Waters, California
Alex Gallardo-Rooker, Vice Chair, California	Rosalind Wyman, California
Eric Garcetti, California	Laurence Zakson, California
Kamil Hasan, At-Large/California	Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Patty Hobbs, National Federation of Democratic Women/California	Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Alice Huffman, California	Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii
Andrew Lachman, California	Andres Ramirez, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Joseph R. Cerrell

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Cerrell was born in Queens, New York, on June 19, 1935; and

WHEREAS, after his family moved to California in the early 1950s, he graduated from Los Angeles High School; and

WHEREAS, while at USC, Cerrell founded the Trojan Democratic Club and received a Bachelors in Political Science (1957); and

WHEREAS, after working for Speaker Jesse Unruh in the Assembly and Edmund G. "Pat" Brown in his successful Governor race in 1958, he became, at the age of 24, the Executive Director of the California Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Cerrell played a major role at the National Convention in Los Angeles in 1960 and then went to work in the John Kennedy campaign for President; and

WHEREAS, he started in the early 1960s, his own political consulting company (Cerrell Associates), which today is the 43rd largest independently-owned public relations firm in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over the decades he has helped dozens of Democratic candidates, including working on the presidential campaigns of Lyndon B. Johnson, Hubert H. Humphrey, Lloyd Bentsen, John Glenn and Al

Gore; and

WHEREAS, he co-founded the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics at USC where thousands of students have received a real education in politics, beyond the normal academic teaching; and

WHEREAS, in over 50 years in political life, Joe Cerrell made a lasting contribution to the vitality of the Democratic Party of the United States by mentoring generations of young people and helping elect Democrats at all levels of service to our country; and

WHEREAS, he was also a proud Italian-American, serving as president of the Italian-American National Foundation, which led him to being named a Knight of Italy; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2010, Joseph R. Cerrell passed away at the age of 75, following complications from pneumonia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honor the life of Joseph R. Cerrell and offer its condolences to Lee, his wife of 47 years, and their children, Sharon and Joe Jr., and their seven grandchildren.