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Resolution Highlighting President Obama and Democrats' Economic Accomplishments

WHEREAS, under President Obama's leadership over the past six and a half years, we have focused on middle class economics to help our country rebuild and recover from the worst recession since the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, with 65 consecutive months of private sector job growth, last year was the strongest year for economic growth since the recession and the U.S. economy has added 5.6 million jobs over the past two years; and

WHEREAS, during President Obama's time in office, the national deficit has shrunk by two-thirds as a share of the economy and the deficit in the last fiscal year was below the average of the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, under President Obama, the U.S. unemployment rate has dropped to 5.3 percent and last year, wages and benefits had their biggest increase since 2008; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more than 16 million Americans have gained insurance, the uninsured rate has reached its lowest level ever recorded, Medicare recipients have saved over \$15 billion on prescription drugs, and the up to 129 million Americans with pre-existing conditions no longer have to worry about being denied coverage; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Democrats have made it clear that equal pay is a top priority, because while women constitute approximately half of the nation's work force, they only make 78 cents to the dollar as compared to men. This is not just a women's issue, but a family issue; and

WHEREAS, President Obama understands that our nation needs to invest in education to grow our economy and, in another effort to put middle class families first, he has proposed making two years of community college free anyone who is willing to work for it;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC will continue to support President Obama and Democrats as they work to grow our country's economy and expand economic opportunity from the middle class out.

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Resolution in Support of the Affordable Care Act following the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision in King v. Burwell (2015)

WHEREAS, healthcare is a fundamental right for every American, and this historic decision upholding the validity of tax credits that help Americans afford quality health insurance is a victory for the American people; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States, writing through Chief Justice John Roberts, rejected the challenge to the Affordable Care Act and said “Congress passed the Affordable Care Act to improve health insurance markets, not to destroy them. If at all possible, we must interpret the Act in a way that is consistent with the former, and avoids the latter;” and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Affordable Care Act, more than 16 million Americans have gained access to quality, affordable healthcare coverage – and our nation is currently experiencing the highest number of Americans with health insurance than ever before – including approximately 5.7 million young adults under the age of 26, 2.3 million of whom have remained protected under their parents’ insurance; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, up to 129 million Americans can no longer be denied coverage or charged more due to their pre-existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the uninsured rate has reached the lowest level ever recorded, with the African American and Latino communities experiencing the greatest decline in the uninsured rate; and

WHEREAS, healthcare spending in this country is growing at the slowest rate ever recorded in half a century and the Affordable Care Act is projected to reduce the federal deficit; and

WHEREAS, Congressional Republicans, supported by every single 2016 Republican presidential candidate, have tried more than 50 times to repeal or undermine the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, 4.3 million additional Americans could gain access to affordable care if every state were to accept the Affordable Care Act’s expansion of the Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Democrats have always prioritized the health of every American, working to ensure that all Americans are able to access and afford quality health insurance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee recognizes the proven effectiveness and continuing importance of the Affordable Care Act and stands with the Supreme Court's decision to preserve access to affordable care for millions of Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee remains steadfast with President Obama to provide quality healthcare coverage for all Americans.

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Resolution in Support of Marriage Equality following the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision in Obergefell v. Hodges (2015)

WHEREAS, same-sex marriage is a constitutionally guaranteed right nationwide and can no longer be denied by state laws; and

WHEREAS, the ruling now recognizes same-sex marriages all across this nation and these families will now be protected under the law from the discrimination and mistreatment to which they have long been subjected; and

WHEREAS, this decision is an important victory for the LGBT community and a monumental step forward for our nation; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the nation stands with the Democratic Party and supports marriage equality for LGBT couples; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has a long history of standing up to protect the rights of all Americans, and marriage equality is one of the most important equal rights issues of this century; and

WHEREAS, as the party of inclusion, Democrats have fought for marriage equality because we understand that no American should be discriminated against because of whom they are or who they love; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States, writing through Justice Anthony Kennedy said, "It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee applauds this Supreme Court decision and will continue its work in achieving real progress and supporting the LGBT community.

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Resolution in Support of Women's Equality Day

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, women in the United States were granted the right to vote with the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the United States recognizes August 26th of each year as Women's Equality Day and gives us an opportunity to reflect on the progress we've made as a nation; and

WHEREAS, Democrats recognize that there is still much work to be done as women continue to earn less than men and make, on average, only 78 cents to every dollar earned by men; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Democrats support the Paycheck Fairness Act to address the pay gap and ensure that no woman is paid less than her male counterpart for equal work; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Democrats fought tirelessly to make the Affordable Care Act the law of the land, and today insurance companies cannot unfairly discriminate against women based on gender; and

WHEREAS, Democrats believe that when women succeed, America succeeds, and are working hard to pass common-sense policies that will help move our country forward;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee recognizes that Women's Equality Day is an important opportunity to remind ourselves how hard we've fought, and how we must keep fighting for true equality and opportunity for all women; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee celebrates Women's Equality Day in recognition of the progress that our country has made for gender equality.

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Resolution Solidifying Democratic Party Unity

WHEREAS, we look forward to a robust primary process and healthy conversation about the future of our party and our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party is the party of inclusion, empowerment and expanded opportunity, and we are fighting to ensure that all Americans have their fair shot and a chance to get ahead; and

WHEREAS, we have seen our country thrive under President Obama and Democratic policies that benefit the middle class and create economic opportunity for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, we understand all of our Democratic presidential candidates are united behind a middle-class family economic agenda including fundamental principles such as ensuring pay equity, raising the minimum wage, investing in education, ensuring access to quality, affordable health care, and fixing our broken immigration system; and

WHEREAS, we look forward to hearing more about each candidate's ideas of reaching these ends throughout the primary process; and

WHEREAS, all of the Democratic presidential candidates stand behind policies creating a ladder of opportunity for all middle class families, and those still struggling to reach the middle class, while Republicans are trying to stifle progress by bringing back trickle-down economic policies that have failed time and time again; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to electing Democratic candidates up and down the ballot and are focused on ensuring that they have the resources and support needed to win no matter who our Democratic nominee is;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will stand united behind our eventual nominee to ensure that we elect a Democrat as the 45th president of the United States to continue the progress we've made under President Obama's leadership.

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Resolution Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the 1965 Voting Rights Act

WHEREAS, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (“the Voting Rights Act”), which prohibits voting practices or procedures that discriminate on the basis of race, color, or membership in a language minority group has been acknowledged as one of the most “consequential, efficacious, and amply justified exercises of federal legislative power in our Nation’s history,”; and

WHEREAS, African Americans and other minorities historically were prevented from exercising their constitutional rights through the systematic discriminatory and arbitrary use of poll taxes, literacy tests, and so-called “moral character” examinations; and

WHEREAS, despite the guarantees of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, certain states and electoral districts continued to defy federal law by denying minorities the right to vote, leaving them without a voice to participate in the political process and prohibiting minorities from electing representatives of their choice even in election districts where racial or language minorities constituted a majority of the voting-age population; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Goodman, James Earl Chaney, and Michael H. Schwerner were brutally murdered by Ku Klux Klan members in the State of Mississippi during the Freedom Summer campaign of 1964 because of their efforts to register African Americans to vote; and

WHEREAS, African Americans were excluded from voting in the Democratic primary in the State of Mississippi and Fannie Lou Hamer and other civil rights activists formed the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) in an effort to replace Mississippi’s all-white delegation to the 1964 Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 1965, uniformed law enforcement officers savagely beat peaceful civil rights marchers as they attempted to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, and images of that brutality were broadcast across the globe, shocking our nation’s conscience and persuading Congress and President Lyndon Johnson to pass voting rights legislation; and

WHEREAS, support for the Voting Rights Act was both bipartisan and national, with Senate Democratic Leader Michael Mansfield of Montana and Senate Republican Leader Everett Dirksen from Illinois together introducing the bill in the Senate in 1965 before being signed into law by President Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Rights Act continued to enjoy bipartisan support, as every Republican president elected since 1965 has signed an extension of the Act, most recently in 2006, when Congress recognized the continuing importance of the Voting Rights Act, held extensive hearings that produced evidence of

the many obstacles minority voters continue to face, and thus passed the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King, César E. Chávez, Barbara C. Jordan, William C. Velásquez, and Dr. Hector P. Garcia Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, with a unanimous vote in the U.S. Senate and an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 390-33 in the U.S. House of Representatives, reauthorizing the VRA for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the registration of white voters historically was approximately fifty percentage points higher than minority registration prior to 1965, and the African American voter turnout rate surpassed the white voter turnout rate in the 2012 presidential election; and

WHEREAS, election jurisdictions that once erected harsh barriers to voter registration and maintained a system of pervasive and unconstitutional racial discrimination now elect minority candidates, with African Americans comprising nearly a third of the State of Georgia's delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives in recent Congresses; and

WHEREAS, the language minority provisions of the Voting Rights Act have removed barriers to voting for millions of Latino, Asian American, and Native American citizens, with a record 11 million Latino voters casting a ballot in 2012 and a record 14 Asian American members of Congress sworn-in in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the preclearance provisions of the Voting Rights Act successfully protected our elections from voting changes with the intent or effect of discriminating against minority voters, as the Department of Justice objected to and prevented the administration of more than 700 such voting changes between 1982 and 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Rights Act has successfully expanded access for members of racial and language minority groups to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice, as we have witnessed the historic election and re-election of President Barack Obama, the first African American president of the United States; and

WHEREAS, despite the historic successes of the Voting Rights Act, on too many occasions our nation's election systems were still not open to all; and

WHEREAS, in the 2000 presidential election, the State of Florida knowingly employed a flawed process, which was purportedly intended to purge voters with a felony conviction, but was known to yield a substantial proportion of false positives, and nearly 9 out of 10 of the voters removed from the rolls under that process reportedly were African American even though African Americans accounted for only one-tenth of all Florida's voters, and that as a result of the knowing use of this flawed discriminatory process tens of thousands of legitimate minority voters were knowingly and unconstitutionally disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, in the 2004 presidential election, in the State of Ohio numerous, serious election irregularities caused by intentional misconduct by the state's Secretary of State were discovered, including the misallocation of voting machines leading to unprecedented long lines, restricting provisional ballots, rejection of voter registration applications based on paper weight, and other actions resulted in the significant disenfranchisement of hundreds of thousands of votes and voters; and

WHEREAS, in the 2012 presidential election, reports of lines of 7 hours or more from states including Florida, Ohio and Virginia, prompted President Obama to create the Presidential Commission on Election Administration to identify best practices and otherwise make recommendations to promote the efficient administration of elections in order to ensure that all eligible voters have the opportunity to cast their ballots without undue delay, and to improve the experience of voters facing other obstacles in casting their ballots; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 a key provision of the Voting Rights Act that prevented the imposition of voting laws that have a discriminatory effect was invalidated by the Supreme Court in its *Shelby County v Holder* decision, leaving citizens without one of the most effective tools that has ever been brought to bear against voting rights discrimination; and

WHEREAS, since the *Shelby* decision, 16 states have enacted or made effective voting practices and procedures, such as the overly-inclusive and insufficiently defined voter purging programs, the reduction of early vote periods, the elimination of same day registration, the requirement of documented proof of citizenship, and the requirement of new photo, limited forms of acceptable identification, each of which, collectively or individually, could have the intent ~~of~~ and effect of discriminating against racial and language minorities; and

WHEREAS, we betray our ideals when any American, regardless of where they live or their party is denied their rights to vote because they cannot wait in line for five, six or seven hours just to cast their ballot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by celebrating the legislation's unmatched achievement in expanding voting rights and by emphasizing the continuing need for the critical protections the Act affords; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee supports the restoration of a high level protection for these important rights through a renewed commitment to the Voting Rights Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee advocates for a strong modernization of the preclearance enforcement formula of the Voting Rights Act's provisions and will continue to advance and promote an open and fair system of elections for all citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee calls on the Congress to restore the protections of the Voting Rights Act to stem the tide of discrimination that has affected American elections for more than 50 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee affirms its commitment to increasing participation in the electoral process and to ensuring that all the eligible Americans are able to easily participate in open, free, and fair elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the honor and the spirit of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Democratic National Committee reaffirms its support for a Constitutional Amendment to explicitly guarantee Americans' right to vote.

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Resolution Recognizing the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, the federal levee system protecting the city of New Orleans failed, flooding eighty percent of the city; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the hurricane, over a million people were displaced, more than one million homes were damaged and over 1,800 lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina is the costliest disaster in United States history; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of volunteers responded to the disaster to set up shelters for the evacuees in the immediate aftermath and have continued assisting to rebuild the community of New Orleans and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the dedicated relief and recovery efforts of emergency first responders, military personnel, faith based community members, philanthropic and disaster relief organizations; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 countries and international organizations pledged monetary donations; and

WHEREAS, the American people have invested in better levee protection and stronger infrastructure and public facilities as part of the area's recovery, as well as making major improvements to criminal justice, education, health and housing systems; and

WHEREAS, today, New Orleans and the Gulf Coast is rebounding, showcasing the steadfast determination and resilience of its people; and

WHEREAS, the people of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast continue to build back stronger in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike, Gustav and Isaac, as well as the Deepwater Horizon oil spill;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee expresses its solidarity with all the communities of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast and all those who were affected by Hurricane Katrina ten years ago and reaffirms its continued support to rebuild, renew, and restore the Gulf Coast region.

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Resolution Regarding Immigration Reform and Workers' Rights

WHEREAS, we remain committed to comprehensive immigration reform that is comprised of many things including enhanced worker protections and a broad and inclusive pathway to citizenship; and

WHEREAS, we continue to support the President's Executive Actions on Immigration which would bring millions of people from the underground economy more fully into the fabric of our country; and

WHEREAS, we believe that a rights-driven approach to immigration reform – one that respects the hardships and contributions of those living here as well as those moving here and prevents our immigration system from being used to lower wages for all working people – is needed; and

WHEREAS, a core principle of this rights-driven approach is the right of workers to organize; and

WHEREAS, too often, immigration enforcement occurs in the midst of an organizing drive, bargaining campaign, or other concerted job action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will work to ensure that immigrant workers who assert their rights on the job through organizing and other concerted actions will be protected and that we reject the use of immigration enforcement actions as a tool to deny workers their collective rights.

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 Leah Daughtry, At-Large/New York
 Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia
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 Johnnie Patton, Mississippi
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Resolution Commemorating Those Murdered at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church

WHEREAS, Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the oldest and largest AME churches south of Baltimore, was the scene of a racially motivated domestic terrorist attack on June 17 by a man who targeted the church because – he said - he wanted to start a race war; and

WHEREAS, Mother Emanuel, founded in 1816, renowned and burned for its affiliation with the Denmark Vesey slave revolt during the 1800s and served as a strategic haven for the civil rights movement of the 1960s, has always been at the forefront of alleviating the bonds of oppression and suppression and fighting for economic and social opportunities to uplift the black community; and

WHEREAS, nine devout Christians opened their doors and accepted an unfamiliar guest to their Wednesday night prayer service, only to face mortality at his hands:

Senator Rev. Clementa Pinckney, 41: State senator and the senior pastor of Emanuel, married to Jennifer Benjamin and the father of two children. A 1995 graduate of Allen University, he received a master's degree from the University of South Carolina in 1999. He served in the state Legislature starting in 2001.

Cynthia Hurd, 54: A 31-year employee who managed the John L. Dart Library for 21 years before leading the St. Andrews Regional Library. Charleston County officials plan to rename the library for Hurd in memoriam.

Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, 45: Pastor at Emanuel, graduate of South Carolina State University, speech therapist and high school girls track and field coach at Goose Creek High School, mother of three children.

Tywanza Sanders, 26: Graduated in 2014 with a business administration degree from Allen University in Columbia. Lady June Cole, the interim President of Allen University, described him as "a quiet, well-known

student who was committed to his education." Known as Ty, he worked in sales at department stores such as Belk and Macy's and described himself as a poet, artist and businessman.

Ethel Lance, 70: A mother and grandmother, she attended Emanuel for most of her life and worked there as a custodian as well. From 1968 to 2002, she worked as a custodian at Charleston's Gaillard Municipal Auditorium.

Susie Jackson, 87: Lance's cousin and Sanders' aunt, she was a longtime church member, sang in the choir, and a member of the usher board.

Depayne Middleton Doctor, 49: The mother of four sang in Emanuel's choir. In December, she started a job as an admissions coordinator at the Charleston campus of Southern Wesleyan University, her alma mater. Previously, she directed a community development program in Charleston County.

Rev. Daniel Simmons, 74: A community activist, leader of countless voter registration drives, friend to many civil rights icons including Septima Clark and pastor at another church in the Charleston area.

Myra Thompson, 59: Earned a bachelor's degree from Benedict College in English education and two masters degrees from the Citadel, later taught English and worked as a guidance counselor at Cathedral Catholic and Brentwood Middle Schools. Thompson was married to Rev. Anthony Thompson, the vicar of Holy Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church in Charleston; and

WHEREAS, Americans stood up and joined hands with the citizens of Charleston and all of South Carolina to denounce this horrendous act of violence and to honor the courageous nine whose lives were taken too soon; and

WHEREAS, out of hate emerged a global groundswell of righteousness and love for a community who mourned and supported each other throughout the dark days of their tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the act of forgiveness by families of the "Emanuel 9" created a cooperative spirit among elected officials, legislators and the citizens of South Carolina, which led to the Confederate rebel flag, that motivated the killer, to be removed from the state house grounds; and

WHEREAS, as President Obama said in his eulogy, "it would be a betrayal of everything Reverend Pinckney stood for, I believe, if we allowed ourselves to slip into a comfortable silence again. ... to go back to business as usual -- that's what we so often do to avoid uncomfortable truths about the prejudice that still infects our society. To settle for symbolic gestures without following up with the hard work of more lasting change-- that's how we lose our way again. It would be a refutation of the forgiveness expressed by those families if we merely slipped into old habits, whereby those who disagree with us are not merely wrong but bad; where we shout instead of listen; where we barricade ourselves behind preconceived notions or well-practiced cynicism.";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee condemns the killings in Charleston, celebrates the lives of the "Emanuel 9" and honors the families of the victims by recognizing their deep love, acts of forgiveness and desire to make whole their state and city of Charleston; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee urges all Americans to continue the fight against racial hatred and injustice and in the President's words "break the cycle, using history as a roadway toward a better world, traveling the path of grace with an open mind and an open heart."

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Resolution Advancing Democrats' Women Succeed Agenda: Raising Wages, Paycheck Fairness, Childcare and Paid Sick Days

WHEREAS, Democrats believe that when women succeed, America succeeds, and have created a “Women Succeed” agenda to identify problems, progress, and solutions to help move our country forward; and

WHEREAS, women are now 50% of the labor force for the first time in our nation’s history and 40% of all primary breadwinners are now moms, yet our family economic security policies in the areas of paid family leave, affordable childcare, sick days, and more lag behind our modern labor as well as most other industrialized nations which hurts our families and our economy alike; and

WHEREAS, fifty years after President John F. Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act into law, women continue to earn less than men with women of color and moms experiencing the highest wage discrimination. On average, women make only 78 cents for every dollar earned by men, amounting to a yearly gap of \$10,876 between full-time men and women. That \$10,876 lost could purchase a month’s worth of groceries or gas or rent to support a woman’s family – and grow the economy. For African American women and Latinas the pay gap is even larger -- African American women on average earn only 64 cents and Latinas on average earn only 56 cents for every dollar earned by white, non-Hispanic men. The parent gap is significant: mothers who work full time, year round only make 70 cents for every dollar paid to fathers. Fair pay is a priority, and as such moving forward paycheck fairness policies that allow for pay transparency and protect employees from retaliation are a priority too. In addition, the minimum wage is a women’s and fair pay issue; nearly two-thirds of minimum wage workers are women. Yet the minimum wage is not a fair and living wage and has not kept up with inflation over the last 45 years – with the minimum wage now, in inflation-adjusted terms, more than 30% lower than it was in 1968 despite overwhelming public support for raising wages; and

WHEREAS, workers in 145 countries around the world have earned paid sick days – but there is no policy to ensure earned paid sick days in the U.S. More than 43 million private sector workers in this country – including more than 43% of working women– are not able to take a

paid sick day when they or a family member are ill. Millions more lack paid sick time to care for a sick child. Nearly one-quarter of adults in the U.S. (23 %) report that they have lost a job or have been threatened with job loss for taking time off due to illness or to care for a sick child or relative. Further, the United States has no mandatory paid family and medical leave policy -- making it one of just three countries in the world and the only country among industrialized countries to not mandate paid maternity leave for new mothers. Fully 87% of the U.S. workforce does not have paid family leave through their employers, and more than 60% of the workforce does not have paid personal medical leave through an employer-provided temporary disability program, which some new mothers use; and

WHEREAS, child care is a necessity for most families with preschool children because households need two incomes to pay all the bills. There is a drastic lack of high-quality preschool for children in the U.S., particularly when compared with most other industrialized countries. What's more, the lack of availability of affordable and high-quality childcare in this country has reached crisis proportions. The U.S. ranks 28th out of 38 countries in the share of four-year-olds enrolled in preschool, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Nearly two-thirds of American women with pre-school age children are in the labor force - yet in the U.S., families are generally left on their own for providing child care. The average cost of full-time childcare for one child in a childcare center in 2013 ranged from \$4,500 to \$16,500 depending on the state;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC supports the “Women Succeed” Initiative to provide concrete solutions that empower women in pay, family leave and childcare; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC urges the Republican Congress to pass paycheck fairness, raise the minimum wage (including for tipped workers) to \$15.00 an hour, invest in Job Training and education opportunities, protect and restore employment rights, support women entrepreneurs/small businesses, ensure pregnant workers fairness, and empower adequate tools to investigate wage discrimination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC praises the progress made by President Obama’s executive orders, state legislatures and ballot measures across the country from California to New York, and local jurisdictions, to advance raising wages, paid sick days, and paid family and medical leave including maternity/paternity leave; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC calls on the Republican Congress to act on Congressional Democrats’ and President Obama’s Preschool and Early Head Start/Child Care Initiative and efforts to promote affordable and high quality child care, adequate funding of child care programs, adequate training and pay for child care workers, expanding the child care tax credit, making the child tax credit permanent, indexed, and refundable, and increasing access to child support so that all women are empowered to raise happy, healthy families and to reach their fullest human and economic potential.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting in Minneapolis, MN on August 27, 2015.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Christine Pelosi, California
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Andrew Tobias, DNC Treasurer/Florida
Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, DNC Secretary/Maryland
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Condemning Extrajudicial Killings and Affirming Black Lives Matter

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party believes in the American Dream and the promise of liberty and justice for all, and we know that this dream is a nightmare for too many young people stripped of their dignity under the vestiges of slavery, Jim Crow and White Supremacy; and

WHEREAS, we, the Democratic National Committee, have repeatedly called for race and justice – demilitarization of police, ending racial profiling, criminal justice reform, and investments in young people, families, and communities -- after Trayvon Martin, after Michael Brown, after Tamir Rice, after Freddie Gray, after Sandra Bland, after Christian Taylor, after too many others lost in the unacceptable epidemic of extrajudicial killings of unarmed black men, women, and children at the hands of police; and

WHEREAS, we hear the "Black lives matter" cry from the inspiration of creators Patrisse Cullors, Opal Tometi, and Alicia Garza, and from the heart of a generation of young African Americans who feel totally dismissed and unheard as they are crushed between unlawful street violence and unjust police violence; we salute the courageous young people who participate in the #March2Justice, and we repeat the chant "say her name" to acknowledge the Black women whose stories are often untold and whose cases are unresolved; and

WHEREAS, without systemic reform this state of unrest jeopardizes the well-being of our democracy and our nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC joins with Americans across the country in affirming "Black lives matter" and the "say her name" efforts to make visible the pain of our fellow and sister Americans as they condemn extrajudicial killings of unarmed African American men, women and children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC renews our previous calls to action and urges Congress to adopt systemic reforms at state, local, and federal levels to prohibit law enforcement from profiling based on race, nationality, ethnicity, or religion, to minimize the transfer of excess equipment (like the military-grade vehicles and weapons that were used to police peaceful civilians in the streets of Ferguson, Missouri) to federal and state law enforcement; and to support prevention programs that give young people alternatives to incarceration.

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Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida
Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan
Everett Ward, North Carolina
Johnnie Patton, Mississippi
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Andrew Tobias, DNC Treasurer/Florida
Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, DNC Secretary/Maryland
Laura Calvo, Oregon
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia
Lisa Goodman, Delaware
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Highlighting Attorney General Eric Holder's Accomplishments

WHEREAS, Eric Himpton Holder, Jr. served honorably as the 82nd Attorney General of the United States, from 2009 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Holder revitalized the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, broadening the scope of the Division's enforcement actions after it had narrowed under the prior Administration; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Holder challenged the voter ID laws in many states under the Voting Rights Act, specifically targeting the cynical efforts by Texas North Carolina and South Carolina to restrict access to the ballot; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Holder has been an ally to the LGBT community and a key player in the legal fight for marriage equality that led to the recent decision from the Supreme Court recognizing the rights of the LBGT community; and

WHEREAS, understanding the importance of the Domestic Terror Task Force, Attorney General Holder began the reorganization of the force, which had been established as a result of the Oklahoma City bombing but was dismantled when attention turned to overseas terrorism after the attacks on 9/11; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Holder, took on draconian sentences of heavy prison time for drug users and challenged the prison system in support of prison reform, which led to the first drop in the federal prison population in more than three decades;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that because of these accomplishments, the Democratic National Committee recognizes former Attorney General Eric Holder as an outstanding civil rights and human rights Attorney General and acknowledges his extraordinary leadership and service to the country and President Barack Obama's administration.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting in Minneapolis, MN on August 27, 2015.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/ District of Columbia
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Andrew Tobias, DNC Treasurer/Florida

Resolution Commending Taiwan for its Efforts to Contribute to the Global Community and for its Continued Partnership with the United States in Addressing Global Challenges

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, in which the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United States fought side by side in the theater of Asia Pacific and then jointly enjoyed the victory; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a vital partner for the United States in Asia and a key component of U.S. Asia-Pacific policies, including the rebalance towards Asia, as mentioned publicly by many senior officials of the State Department, including Secretary John Kerry; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a major regional trade and investment center in East Asia, is the tenth largest trading partner of the United States and the seventh largest destination for U.S. agricultural exports, as well as a major investor in the United States with billions of dollars in FDI stocks; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF), which will institutionalize and serve as a platform for expanding U.S.-Taiwan cooperation on regional and global issues, on June 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is undertaking a leadership role, with close cooperation with the United States through the International Environmental Partnership (IEP), in addressing the world's environmental issues, such as its commitment to the targets of reducing greenhouse gas emission to 50 percent of the level of 2005 by 2050 with the passage of the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Management Act by the Legislative Yuan of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on June 15, 2015, forming the legal foundation for Taiwan's efforts to respond to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the United States has an abiding interest in the preservation of cross-Strait stability and is unwaveringly committed to the Taiwan Relations Act, making available to Taiwan defense articles and services necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee commends Taiwan for its active contributions to the welfare of international society, supports a comprehensive, durable, and mutually beneficial partnership between the United States and Taiwan, and encourages the current and future Democratic administrations to continue to demonstrate their unwavering commitment to Taiwan's security, as well as to strongly support the robust progress of U.S.-Taiwan relations and Taiwan's participation in the international society on the basis of dignity and respect.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting in Minneapolis, MN, on August 27, 2015.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of D'Army Bailey

WHEREAS, D'Army Bailey was born on November 29, 1941 in Memphis, TN; and

WHEREAS, he attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA; and

WHEREAS, while at Southern University, Bailey joined the fight against segregation, participating in a sit-in at the Greyhound bus station and picketing against discriminatory hiring practices at Baton Rouge businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 he received a law degree from Yale University and practiced law for two decades, while remaining active in the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, he was a part of a group of attorneys who raised money to buy the Lorraine Motel, where Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated, and worked to preserve the motel and to establish the National Civil Rights Museum at the motel; and

WHEREAS, Bailey was elected a judge in the Circuit Court of Tennessee's 30th Judicial District in 1990; and

WHEREAS, he was the author of "The Education of a Black Radical: Southern Civil Rights Activist's Journey" and "Mine Eyes Have Seen: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Final Journey", and was also an actor, appearing in nine films, including "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" and "Nothing But the Truth"; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2015, Bailey died of cancer at Methodist Hospital in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, in an eulogy at Bailey's funeral former President Bill Clinton described Bailey as a mover and "movement politician";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor D'Army Bailey for his contributions and inspiration to our country and offer its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting in Minneapolis, MN on August 27, 2015.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida
 Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
 Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
 Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, DNC Secretary/Maryland
 Leah Daughtry, At-Large/New York
 Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan
 Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Rev. Willie Barrow

WHEREAS, Rev. Willie Barrow was born in Burton, TX, on December 7, 1924; and

WHEREAS, Barrow was 16 when she moved to Portland, OR, to study to become a minister while working in a shipyard as a welder, and later as a union organizer; and

WHEREAS, Barrow began tirelessly fighting for civil rights, women's rights, and gay rights in Chicago, IL; and

WHEREAS, leaders such as Rev. Jesse Jackson and President Barack Obama were her mentees; and

WHEREAS, Barrow also was a co-founder, along with Rev. Jesse Jackson, of Operation Breadbasket, which became the Rainbow-PUSH Coalition; and

WHEREAS, because of her activism in Chicago, she was called "The Little Warrior", which described her leadership capabilities and her willingness to organize political forces when necessary; and

WHEREAS, Barrow had been hospitalized for a blood clot in her lungs and passed away at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, President Obama reflected, "She was a constant inspiration, a lifelong mentor and a very dear friend. I was proud to count myself among the more than 100 men and women she called her 'Godchildren,' and worked hard to live up to her example";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Rev. Willie Barrow for her contributions and inspiration to our country and offer its condolences to her family.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting in Minneapolis, MN on August 27, 2015.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Andrew Tobias, DNC Treasurer/Florida
Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, DNC Secretary/Maryland
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Beau Biden

WHEREAS, Joseph “Beau” Biden III was born on February 3, 1969 in Wilmington, DE, the elder son of current Vice President Joe Biden; and

WHEREAS, he received a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and a JD from Syracuse University College of Law; and

WHEREAS, from 1995 to 1997, he served as Counsel in the Office of Policy Development at the United States Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, from 1997 to 2002, he served as a Federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney’s Office; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, he joined the Delaware Army National Guard as a Major and later served in Iraq and was awarded the Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, he was a partner in the law firm of Bifferato, Gentilotti, Biden & Balick; and

WHEREAS, as the elected Attorney General of Delaware, Biden made it his mission to protect children from abuse; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, he announced his intention to run for Governor of Delaware in 2016; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2015, Joseph “Beau” Biden III passed away at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland after a nearly two-year battle with brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Joe Biden and his family stated that “Beau Biden was, quite simply, the finest man any of us have ever known;”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Beau Biden for his dedication to his state and the Democratic Party and offer its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting in Minneapolis, MN on August 27, 2015.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Carolyn Moore

WHEREAS, Carolyn Moore grew up in High Point, NC; and

WHEREAS, she attended the University of North Carolina earning a degree in elementary education; and

WHEREAS, throughout Moore's career, she worked on many political campaigns including those of Ambassador Andrew Young and Congressman John Lewis; and

WHEREAS, she was Executive Assistant of Ambassador Young's Congressional office for many years; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Moore served as Director of Volunteers for the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, she joined the staff of the Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C., where she worked for many years before returning to Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Moore passed away February 10th 2015;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Carolyn Moore for her contributions and inspiration to our country and offer its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting in Minneapolis, MN on August 27, 2015.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida
 Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
 Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
 Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, DNC Secretary/Maryland
 Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Evelyn Richardson

WHEREAS, Evelyn Richardson grew up in Homewood, PA; and

WHEREAS, she was a child of the Great Depression who was an original New Deal Democrat; and

WHEREAS, Richardson was engaged early on in the political fight for civil rights, hoping that one day she would witness the first African American person to be elected president; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, she was first appointed to the Democratic National Committee (DNC), representing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and at the time of her death was the longest serving DNC member; and

WHEREAS, Richardson was a delegate to 20 Democratic National Conventions, and

WHEREAS, she fought for local issues such as busing services for school children and national issues such as voting rights for people of color; and

WHEREAS, Richardson died Friday, Feb. 20, 2015, at the age of 92; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Evelyn Richardson for her contributions and inspiration to our country and offer its condolences to her family.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting in Minneapolis, MN on August 27, 2015.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida
 Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
 Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
 Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, DNC Secretary/Maryland

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Larry Scanlon

WHEREAS, Larry Scanlon was born on November 9th, 1949 in Kingston, NY; and

WHEREAS, he attended the University of Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, Scanlon began his career as a field service assistant for the New York Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) in 1974; and

WHEREAS, he then became the director of legislation and political action for CSEA; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Scanlon joined the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) as political director and served in the position until he retired in 2012; and

WHEREAS, he also served as president of Communities United to Strengthen America, which worked to improve the financial condition of the middle class; and

WHEREAS, Scanlon made an immeasurable impact on the development of furthering progressive initiatives; and

WHEREAS, On February 27th, 2015, Scanlon died at age 65 in a car accident; and

WHEREAS, Democratic National Committee Chair Debbie Wasserman Shultz said, “Larry was a dedicated advocate for America's working families. He truly believed that everyone deserved a fair shot, and devoted his life's work to ensuring that our neighbors who are often overlooked would have a voice to represent them”; and

WHEREAS, president of AFSCME Lee Saunders described Scanlon as a man of “kindness and generosity. He viewed his work with AFSCME members not as a job, but as a calling. And he helped make AFSCME what it is today – a union with an uncompromising mission to give workers a voice”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Larry Scanlon for his contributions and inspiration to our country and offer its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting in Minneapolis, MN on August 27, 2015.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Alice Tregay

WHEREAS, Alice Tregay was born November 14, 1929 in Evanston, IL; and

WHEREAS, Tregay attended Southeast Junior College and Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, she was known for fighting against segregation and overcrowding in Chicago schools, specifically in black neighborhoods and was an influential strategic organizer during the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Tregay helped form the first Political Education Division for Dr. King's SCLC Operation, Breadbasket Organization, under the leadership of Jesse Jackson; and

WHEREAS, she then directed the local and national voter registration, voter education, and get-out-the-vote campaigns under the Operation Breadbasket Organization; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Tregay assisted with many political campaigns including the historic election and reelection of Chicago's first Black Mayor Harold Washington, President Jimmy Carter, Vice President Walter Mondale, Jesse Jackson and Carol Mosley Braun, who was the first African American to represent Illinois in the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, she also worked as the chief lobbyist for the Black Illinois Legislative Lobby and founded and directed the Political Education Division of Rainbow PUSH until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Alice Tregay passed away on April 18, 2015 at the age of 85;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Alice Tregay for her contributions and inspiration to our country and offer its condolences to her family.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting in Minneapolis, MN on August 27, 2015.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida
 Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
 Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
 Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Vernon Watkins

WHEREAS, Vernon Watkins was born in Detroit, MI, on May 26, 1938; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Wayne State University, he became one of the first black linotype operators in the Graphic Arts International Union; and

WHEREAS, Watkins was inspired to impact the labor movement after experiencing the March on Washington in 1963; and

WHEREAS, he traveled to the march in Washington because he was concerned with employment issues that African Americans were facing at that time; and

WHEREAS, he was also inspired by both A. Phillip Randolph and Bayard Rustin who were instrumental in organizing the march in 1963; and

WHEREAS, after this experience, Watkins earned a leadership role in a local printers union in his hometown of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1960's, Watkins became an organizer for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union (AFSCME) in Washington; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, he became regional director of AFSCME in Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, he was a political guidance to many individuals, including former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi; and

WHEREAS, Watkins is remembered as a labor organizer and activist who contributed immensely to the labor movement on behalf of working families; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Watkins passed away on March 5, 2015 at age 76; and

WHEREAS, Leader Pelosi, stated that, "He was a movable feast of information," pertaining to his wealth of knowledge prior to the, "days before finely tuned digital analysis, few operatives had a better ground-level understanding of what voters were thinking than Watkins did";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Vernon Watkins for his contributions and inspiration to our country and offer its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting in Minneapolis, MN on August 27, 2015.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of William Welsh

WHEREAS, William Brownlee Welsh was born in Munfordville, KY, on September 19, 1924; and

WHEREAS, he served as chief of staff for Vice President Hubert Humphrey from 1966-1968; and

WHEREAS, Welsh served as research director and executive director at the Democratic National Committee; and

WHEREAS, from 1972 to 1976 and from 1984 to 1988, he was legislative director for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; and

WHEREAS, during the Carter Administration, Welsh was assistant secretary for legislation and intergovernmental affairs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1977 to 1979 and was assistant secretary for legislation at the Department of Health and Human Services in 1980; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2015, William Welsh died of complications of congestive heart failure at the age of 90;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor William Welsh for his contributions to our country and to the Democratic Party and offer its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting in Minneapolis, MN on August 27, 2015.

Submitted by: Lorraine Miller, At-Large/Texas
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of James Wright

WHEREAS, James Claude Wright was born in Fort Worth, TX, on December 22, 1922; and

WHEREAS, Wright served honorably in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II, where he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross decoration in the Pacific Theatre; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 24, Wright began his public service in the Texas House of Representatives, where he served from 1947 to 1949; and

WHEREAS, from 1950 to 1954, he served as mayor of Weatherford, TX; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Wright was elected to the United States Congress, representing Texas' 12th Congressional District, where he served for 34 years, 12 of which were in leadership positions and in 1987, he was elected the 56th Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the House passed major highway and water bills; programs aiding the impoverished and homeless; laws to counteract the overburdening cost of health care; fought Reagan budgetary measures; and helped end violence in Central America; and

WHEREAS, Wright chaired the 1988 Democratic National Convention, authored three books, taught politics at Texas Christian University and continued to serve and advocate for the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wright passed away at the age of 92 on May 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, President Obama called Wright "a committed public leader and a proud World War II veteran who dedicated much of his life to serving his country. As a Representative from Texas and Speaker of the House, Jim was passionate about investing in infrastructure, and he worked tirelessly to promote peace in Central America;" and

WHEREAS, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said, "Speaker Wright was a person of deep courage, brilliant eloquence, and complete mastery of the legislative process. Speaker Wright's strong, decisive leadership built an indelible legacy of progress, not only in his beloved state of Texas, but around the world. Wright championed prosperity for every working family, and helped lead the way to peace to Central America";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Jim Wright for his contributions and leadership that bettered our country and offer its condolences to his family.