



DEMOCRATS

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee was called to order by Co-Chair Jim Zogby at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, August 22, 2014. The Committee considered 27 new Resolutions, which were a combination of message and commemorative Resolutions.

1. The Resolution Highlighting President Obama's Accomplishments and Agenda Moving Forward was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
2. The Resolution Highlighting the Clear Contrast between Democrats and Republicans was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
3. The Resolution on the President's and Democrats' Continued Commitment to Passing Comprehensive Immigration Reform was amended with the addition of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
4. The Resolution Supporting the Expansion of Voting Rights was amended with the addition of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
5. The Resolution Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
6. The Resolution Honoring Women's Equality Day was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
7. The Resolution Supporting Equal Rights for the LGBT Community was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
8. The Resolution Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Freedom Summer and Honoring the Victims was amended with the addition and deletion of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
9. The Resolution Honoring Gospel Music Heritage Month was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
10. The Resolution to Urge Congress to Provide the Residents of the District of Columbia with Statehood and Full Democracy was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
11. The Resolution Supporting Women's Reproductive Health and Freedom was amended with the addition of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
12. The Resolution Commending and Supporting Women's Vote Mobilization was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
13. The Resolution Supporting Closing the Racial Wealth Gap was amended with the addition of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
14. The Resolution in Opposition to Combat Operations in Iraq was withdrawn by the submitter of the Resolution.

15. The Resolution Regarding Economic Opportunity and Workers' Rights was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
16. The Resolution Regarding the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA") was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
17. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Robert Strauss was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
18. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Mary Anne "Mame" Reiley was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
19. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Geneva C. Jones was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
20. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of James Brown was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
21. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Grace Garcia was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
22. The Resolution Honoring the Life of Basil Paterson was amended with the addition of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
23. The Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Governor Patrick Lucey was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
24. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Billy Frank Jr. was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
25. The Resolution Commemorating the Life of Dr. Charles Lionel Franklin, Jr. was amended the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
26. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Maya Angelou was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
27. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Ruby Dee was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the Resolutions Committee adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

In addition to these resolutions, the Executive Committee adopted the following resolutions unanimously at its meeting on August 22, 2014.

1. Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Sophie Masloff
2. Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Brenda Marsh-Mitchell
3. Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Dorothea "Dotty" Jean Lynch
4. Resolution Promoting Community Policing and Justice for All
5. Resolution on the Importance of Organizing and Mobilizing for a Democratic Majority

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Resolution Highlighting President Obama’s Accomplishments and Agenda Moving Forward

WHEREAS, President Obama is committed to expanding opportunity for all Americans, creating more good paying jobs, creating more ladders to the middle class, and investing in our country’s future; and

WHEREAS, President Obama’s leadership has resulted in 9.9 million private sector jobs created over 53 straight months of private sector job creation, and the unemployment rate in June was 6.1%, the lowest since September 2008; and

WHEREAS, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law giving millions of Americans access to quality affordable health care, many for the first time, and protecting millions more from insurance company abuses; and

WHEREAS, President Obama is investing in the future by taking action to facilitate investments in American manufacturing, energy, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, President Obama is building the foundation for a clean energy economy, tackling the issue of climate change, and protecting our environment; and

WHEREAS, President Obama remains committed to passing comprehensive immigration reform so the over 11 million undocumented immigrants will no longer be stuck in a broken system; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has already raised the minimum wage for workers under new federal contracts and will continue urging Congress to raise the minimum wage for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Obama continues to fight for equality for all Americans through signing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, fighting for the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and supporting marriage equality; and

WHEREAS, President Obama believes that every child deserves access to high quality and affordable education that will prepare them for the challenges of a new century from early childhood to higher education; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC will continue to support President Obama and work to build on the progress we've already achieved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC is committed to electing Democrats across the country in November who will be partners in progress with President Obama to advance our shared goal of increased opportunity for all Americans.

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Resolution Highlighting the Clear Contrast between Democrats and Republicans

WHEREAS, the contrast between the Democratic and Republican Parties is more apparent than ever as we head towards the midterm elections; and

WHEREAS, Voters will face a clear choice this fall between Democratic candidates who are fighting for them and their families and Republican candidates who are only concerned with rigid partisan ideology

WHEREAS, Republicans are focused on partisan stunts, like shutting down the government, voting over 50 times to repeal or dismantle the Affordable Care Act, suing the President and going so far as to call for impeachment; and

WHEREAS, Republicans insist on doing nothing but obstructing progress and opposing President Obama at every turn as he tries to move our country forward; and

WHEREAS, Republicans remain committed to repealing the Affordable Care Act and taking quality, affordable healthcare away from millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, Democrats are fighting to improve the lives of working Americans, from growing the middle class, creating more good paying jobs, passing common-sense immigration reform and raising the minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, Democrats will continue to push for important legislation like comprehensive immigration reform, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and the Paycheck Fairness Act despite Republican obstruction; and

WHEREAS, President Obama made clear in this year's State of the Union address that he would take action to address the critical issues facing our nation if congressional Republicans refused to act. And that's exactly what he's done; and

WHEREAS, as the midterm elections near, Republicans are providing the American people with a crystal clear picture of their party's priorities – and they have nothing to do with growing the middle class, creating jobs, or expanding opportunity for more Americans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC will continue to support Democrats at all levels of government who will fight for the issues that matter to the American people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC is committed to electing more Democrats to push back against a Republican Party that does nothing but obstruct progress and work to reverse all the progress we've achieved.

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Resolution on the President’s and Democrats’ Continued Commitment to Passing Comprehensive Immigration Reform

WHEREAS, it remains a top priority of President Obama and Democrats to fix our broken immigration system and create a system for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, President Obama’s four main goals for comprehensive immigration reform are strengthening border security, streamlining legal immigration, providing people here a way to earn citizenship, and cracking down on employers who hire undocumented workers; and

WHEREAS, The Obama administration implemented the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, that is providing relief from deportation to undocumented youth (DREAMers); and

WHEREAS, President Obama is committed to immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship for the more than 11 million undocumented immigrants living in this country, and has

been clear that he will not accept changes to the immigration system that create two classes of people; and

WHEREAS, the economic costs of inaction on immigration are simply too high to delay; and

WHEREAS, Republicans in the House of Representatives have not only used stall tactics to delay immigration reform and have not allowed a vote on a bipartisan immigration bill sitting on Speaker Boehner's desk to the detriment of millions of immigrants and our economy, but also voter to sue the President over his DACA order; and

WHEREAS, Republicans have taken action to deport young DREAMers who have only known America as their home;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the DNC supports President Obama and Congressional Democrats in their efforts to pass commonsense comprehensive immigration reform.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Democrats call on Republicans to join with us to fix our immigration system.

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Resolution Supporting the Expansion of Voting Rights

WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law in August 1965, taking significant steps to expand access to the ballot box for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, the Voting Rights Act and the protections granted thereunder have been threatened by the rulings of the United States Supreme Court and the actions of GOP-led state legislatures and Secretaries of State; and

WHEREAS, over 40 states, including Florida, Ohio, Texas, North Carolina, Arizona, Kansas, and Wisconsin, have enacted voting restrictions such as the elimination of same-day registration, reduction of early voting periods, making voter registration more difficult, and the implementation of photo identification laws; and

WHEREAS, voting restrictions disproportionately hurt women, minority communities, working people, seniors, and young people; and

WHEREAS, in April, President Obama said, “The right to vote is threatened today in a way that it has not been since the Voting Rights Act became law nearly five decades ago.”

WHEREAS, Democrats have a long and proud history of protecting and expanding voting rights and recognize our country is better off when more people participate in our electoral process; and

WHEREAS, Democrats embrace the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration and believe that technology and best practices can improve elections, while GOP elected officials, party leaders and political consultants have expressed that their party’s best path to victory is if fewer people vote.

WHEREAS, in February, the DNC announced the creation of the Voter Expansion Project to ensure that every eligible voter is registered, every registered voter is able to vote, and that every vote is accurately counted; and

WHEREAS, the Voter Expansion Project supports every state in protecting and expanding voting rights by (i) engaging our 100,000 members, 3,000 grassroots advocates, hundreds of alumni staff, and 30,000 attorney volunteers, (ii) empowering states to build voter expansion programs using the Voter Expansion Toolkit and resources, and (iii) building tools and reports for our voter expansion programs to use in pursuit of their voter registration, election administration, volunteer management, and election day goals; and

WHEREAS, in June the DNC launched IWillVote.com, a comprehensive voter education and registration site for all 50 states and the District of Columbia, designed to make voting easier and more convenient for a citizen to participate in the electoral process when he or she understands when to vote, where to vote, what to bring with them to vote, and what to expect on Election Day in order to vote; and

WHEREAS, there is always more work to be done to ensure the right to vote;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC will continue to support President Obama and all Democrats in their efforts to protect and expand voting rights for all.

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Resolution Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, September 15 to October 15 has been designated Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, President Lyndon Johnson created Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968 later to be expanded by President Ronald Regan in 1988 to span from September 15 to October 15; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month marks the anniversary of independence for the countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 Hispanic Heritage Month was formally enacted into law to be celebrated across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month allow us to remember the significant contributions that the Hispanic community have made and will continue to make to our country; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to achieve equal rights and recognition through civil rights efforts and in the labor movement; most notably Cesar Chavez's founding of the National Farm Workers Association and his efforts to register Hispanic voters and create unions for farm and migrant workers; and

WHEREAS, the Spanish language has been the source of the names for various, states, cities, rivers and mountains and the culture has influenced our countries art, music and literature that has enriched our lives; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have valiantly served our military, fighting in wars dating back to the War of 1812 to uphold and promote the values of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has continually supported the Hispanic community fighting for issues that matter and affect them such as comprehensive immigration reform, expanded access to health care and education by making college more affordable, improving schools, and creating opportunity for all and will continue to work with the Hispanic community in order to continue to support the vibrant and growing Hispanic population; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honor the contributions that the Hispanic community has made to our nation and recognizes the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

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Resolution Honoring Women’s Equality Day

WHEREAS, in July 1848, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott organized the first women’s rights convention in American history, more than 300 women and men met in Seneca Falls, NY to protest the mistreatment of women in social, economic and religious life; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions issued at this convention detailed the “injuries and usurpations” that men had inflicted upon women and demanded that women be granted all of the rights and privileges men held, including the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, a women’s suffrage amendment was first introduced in Congress on January 10, 1878 and was resubmitted numerous times until June 4, 1919, when the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees women the right to vote, was passed by Congress and on August 18, 1920 was ratified by the required 36 states; and

WHEREAS, 50 years later, on August 26, 1970, Betty Friedan and the National Organization for Women organized a nationwide Women’s Strike for Equality, where women across the country demanded equal opportunities in employment, education and 24-hour child-care centers; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Congresswoman Bella Abzug (D-NY) introduced a bill designating August 26th as Women's Equality Day, to commemorate the contributions, sacrifices, and strides that women have made in our society; and

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day highlights the enormous progress women have made as well as the work that still needs to be done in order to achieve true equality; and

WHEREAS, Republicans in Congress continue to push for more restrictions on women's health care and oppose policies that would bring the country closer to pay equity, and Republicans are working across the nation to restrict the accessibility of voting, which make it more difficult for women and other Americans to cast their ballot; and

WHEREAS, Democrats support equal pay, access to affordable health care, and expanded opportunity; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party recognizes Women's Equality Day and the important role that women play to our party and country.

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Resolution Supporting Equal Rights for the LGBT Community

WHEREAS, under President Obama’s leadership and because of the Supreme Court’s monumental decision to strike down the Defense of Marriage Act, our country has made enormous steps toward equality in the past six years; and

WHEREAS, the President signed the repeal of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, allowing members of the military to serve with pride and dignity no matter who they love; and

WHEREAS, President Obama’s Administration developed the first comprehensive National HIV/AIDS strategy, and renewed the progress of that program with an Executive Order creating the HIV Care Continuum Initiative; and

WHEREAS, by striking down the Defense of Marriage Act the laws now affirm that LGBT married couples are afforded the same protections under federal law as all married couples;

WHEREAS, President Obama voiced his support for full marriage equality for LGBT Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Obama said, “Because in the United States of America, who you are and who you love shouldn’t be a fireable offense,” and

WHEREAS, President Obama signed an Executive Order prohibiting federal contractors from discriminating against employees based on gender identity and sexual orientation

WHEREAS, the President and his Administration continue to urge Congress to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act to protect all workers from discrimination based on gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act made it illegal for health insurers to deny coverage to people based on sexual orientation or gender identity. And next year because of President Obama’s signature legislation, health insurance companies that offer coverage to straight couples, will offer coverage plans for all couples; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration implemented hospital visitation rights for LGBT couples; and

WHEREAS, in June 2014, the White House hosted the first-ever Global Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Human Rights Forum to make sure the United States is part of a greater discussion to protect the rights of the LGBT community around the world;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC will continue to support President Obama and all Democrats in their efforts to protect and expand the rights of the LGBT community.

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Resolution Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Freedom Summer and Honoring the Victims

WHEREAS, fifty years ago a campaign known as the Freedom Summer of 1964, a grassroots movement to register eligible citizens to vote in Mississippi, occurred; and

WHEREAS, Freedom Summer was initiated by the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), a coalition of the Mississippi branches of the four major civil rights organizations, SNCC, CORE, NAACP and SCLC, and thousands of brave citizens of all ages from Mississippi and across the country who sought to propel justice forward in an area of the country that had denied voting rights to minorities for over a century; and

WHEREAS, volunteers and activists spread out across Mississippi into black communities and churches and set up workshops on registering to vote and nearly forty Freedom Schools designed

to provide a progressive curriculum to prepare students to become political actors in their communities; and

WHEREAS, more than one thousand black and white volunteers were arrested and at least eighty were beaten either by mobs or the police forces in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, three youth in the movement, a black Mississippian activist named James Chaney and two white volunteers from New York named Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, tragically were murdered near Philadelphia, Mississippi, for their efforts to bring equal voting to all areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, the movement contributed to the breakdown of the isolation and repression of the South by bringing much needed national media attention to the persecution of black voters and those seeking to register new voters; and

WHEREAS, the tragedy and actions of the Freedom Summer mobilized many in Congress to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and provided momentum for the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, this summer and its struggles helped highlight civil rights issues and implant them into the national conscious, thus serving as a source of inspiration, of pride, of determination for Americans yearning for equality; and

WHEREAS, every current and future generation of the United States should remember the lessons of Freedom Summer—to keep and treasure the right to vote and work to extend, never restrict, the franchise to every citizen of this country;

WHEREAS, the American people will soon be able to commemorate the history of the Freedom Summer and other achievements at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture on the National Mall in 2016; and

WHEREAS, historian Doug McAdam said of the impacts of the Freedom Summer: “historical currents do not irresistibly propel themselves and everyone in their path. No matter what their broader structural or ideological roots, they both carry along and are carried along by people, who are not merely passengers of history, but pilots as well;”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee commemorate the 50th anniversary of Freedom Summer for its contributions to our country and offer its condolences to the families of the victims that passed that summer.

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Resolution Honoring Gospel Music Heritage Month

WHEREAS, gospel music is one of the cornerstones of the musical tradition of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of diversity still remains a major influence in all forms of music today; and

WHEREAS, during 110th Congress, 2D Session, the United States House of Representatives, with Senate Concurrence, passed a resolution designating September as "Gospel Music Heritage Month; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee supports the designation of September as "Gospel Music Heritage" month.

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Resolution to Urge Congress to Provide the Residents of the District of Columbia with Statehood and Full Democracy

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 ceded by Maryland and Virginia to become the District of Columbia; however, through the enactment of the “District of Columbia Organic Act of 1801” DC residents were disenfranchised from voting for representative Members of Congress for 213 years; and

WHEREAS, DC residents pay among the highest per capita federal taxes in the nation and more than 200,000 residents have served in the federal Armed Forces, and yet DC residents have no vote in the US Congress; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the District of Columbia lack full democracy, equality, and citizenship enjoyed by the residents of the 50 states; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee passed the “Resolution in Support of the District of Columbia Fair and Equal Voting Rights Act” in 2007, the “Resolution in Support of the District of Columbia House Voting Rights” in 2009, and the “Resolution to Urge Congress to Provide the Residents of the District of Columbia with Full Democracy” in 2011; and the Black Caucus, Ethnic Coordinating Council, LGBT Caucus, Veterans and Military Families Council, Women’s Caucus and others adopted resolutions in support of statehood at the DNC 2014 Winter Meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the new House majority began the 113th Congress by continuing to deny DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton a vote in the Committee of the Whole, and trampling on DC Home Rule by introducing riders on how DC spends its locally raised tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013 DC Delegate Norton introduced three bills on statehood and voting representation for the District of Columbia: HR 292, the New Columbia Admission Act providing for statehood, HR 362, the DC Equal Representation Act of 2013 allowing DC representation in both the House and Senate, and HR 363, the DC House Voting Rights Act of 2013 providing DC with a House vote; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013 DC Delegate Norton also introduced HR 345, the DC Budget Autonomy Act of 2013 to allow the DC budget of local taxpayer-raised funds to become law passed a balanced budget for each of the last 18 years, the District of Columbia has faced the possibility of being shut-down each year because of Congressional deliberations over the federal budget and the imposition of riders opposed by the District of Columbia; and in January 2014 introduced HR 3816, the DC Paperwork Reduction Act that would allow DC local legislation to take effect without a Congressional review period; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the District of Columbia have endorsed statehood for the District of Columbia, and passed a District-wide referendum on budget autonomy; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama is in support of statehood for the nation's capital, and has previously spoken in favor of giving the District voting representation in Congress and full control of its budget and laws; and

WHEREAS, it has been 50 years since the passage of the Civil Rights Act and 40 years since the District of Columbia was granted Home Rule, and the residents of the District of Columbia have yet to have the same rights as the residents of the 50 states;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee endorse and encourage citizens and their members of Congress to support statehood and full democracy for the District of Columbia that will guarantee to the residents of the District of Columbia full Congressional voting representation, budget autonomy, and all of the rights that the people of the 50 United States enjoy.

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Resolution Supporting Women's Reproductive Health and Freedom

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) has historically supported freedom of Choice and the right of women to make their own health care decisions in both its National Platform and in its Party ideology and philosophy; and

WHEREAS, the exercise of this freedom should be the choice of each woman, not her employer; and

WHEREAS, the recent Supreme Court Hobby Lobby decision places a significant and additional burden on women seeking medical care; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party has consistently encouraged, at every level of government, barriers to women's reproductive freedom, access to medical care and opposition to this basic right; and

WHEREAS, health care is, and should be, an inalienable right in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness; and

WHEREAS, discrimination in health care is unacceptable, and is particularly outrageous when women are denied coverage for women's health issues while men are not;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC reaffirm its strong support for Women's Reproductive Freedom and Choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the full membership of the DNC, with this resolution, goes on record opposing the Hobby Lobby Decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC thank, support and encourage the Democrats in the US Congress to continue their heroic efforts to pass legislative measures to remedy this Decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC thank and support the work of President Barack Obama, HHS, and other Administration entities in their endeavors to secure continued, fair and equal reproductive healthcare for the women of the United States, regardless of whom we work for or where we live.

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Resolution Commending and Supporting Women's Vote Mobilization

WHEREAS, the women's vote is key to Democratic Victory in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in every Presidential election since 1980, a greater proportion of women than men have voted for the Democratic candidate; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 women preferred President Barack Obama by 12 points and, in 2014 polling, women prefer the Democratic Candidate in their congressional districts by 12 points according to a June Washington Post – ABC News Poll; and

WHEREAS, since the 1980s more women have registered to vote than men and in recent years a greater proportion of women have voted than men in midterm and presidential elections. The largest difference, according to the US Census, of nearly 9 percent, occurs between men and women who have never married; and

WHEREAS, women view government and its services more positively than men, including safety-net issues like, health care, fairness and pay equity, education, job security and Social Security; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party has abandoned many of these issues, that they used to support, and that are vital to all women’s full participation in the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has championed these and many other issues that strengthen our families, protect our rights, create fairness and opportunity, and enable women to be full partners in America, and are a model for many nations throughout the world;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) wholeheartedly continue its work to inform, register, mobilize the women of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we engage women through “When Women Vote Rallies”, “Walking for Women” GOTV programs, State Women’s Caucus development, Facebook, and with partners including the Democratic Women’s Alliance, the National Federation of Democratic Women, the DSCC, DGA and the DCCC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC encourage the women’s vote with special emphasis on the young women’s vote through the College and Young Democrats of America, Labor and constituency outreach; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, through the ballot box, we turn back the Republican attacks on women’s rights.

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Resolution Supporting Closing the Racial Wealth Gap

WHEREAS, communities of color, including African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asian American and Pacific Islanders, among whom are firsts generation higher education students, face a wealth gap in the United States due to systemic and social barriers that limit economic mobility, according to the Center for Global Policy Solutions; and

WHEREAS, the median wealth for White households is 16 times that of African American households and 14 times that of Hispanic households; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate for African Americans is 11 percent, 7.3 percent for Hispanics, 11.3 percent for Native Americans, and 5.2 percent for Whites, compared with a national rate of 6.2 percent; and

WHEREAS, homeownership is a key factor in building wealth over generations, but African American and Hispanic communities have a homeownership rate that is over 25 percent lower that of White families; and

WHEREAS, even after the housing crash, 68 percent of Whites are homeowners compared to 42 percent of African Americans, 43 percent of Hispanics, and 59 percent of Asians; and

WHEREAS, 41.5 percent of African-Americans, 30.9 percent of Hispanics, 11.5 percent of Asian-Americans, and 17.8 percent of Whites got higher-priced mortgages immediate preceding the housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, African Americans, Latinos and Asian Americans lost 53, 65, and 54 percent of their wealth, respectively, from 2005-2009, compared to a 16 percent loss for whites; and

WHEREAS, African Americans and Latinos have a liquid wealth of \$200 and \$340, respectively, compared to \$23,000 for whites; and

WHEREAS, 63.8 percent of African-Americans, 54.4 percent of Hispanics, 57.1 percent of American Indian/Alaskan Native, 51.9 percent of Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 37.6 of Whites report ever using alternative financial institutions, compared to a 42.9 percent national average; and

WHEREAS, alternative financial institutions charge excessive fees per service, including an average of 64 cents per money order and 86 cents per transaction; and

WHEREAS, workers of color are more likely to work in service sector jobs (25.6 percent of African Americans, 26.6 percent of Hispanics, and 16.8 percent of Whites) than the management sector (28.7 percent of African Americans, 20.2 percent of Hispanics, and 38.8 percent of Whites), which pay mean annual wages of \$24,710 compared to management sector jobs which pay \$110,550.

WHEREAS, 42.1 percent of White students enroll in college, compared with 36.4 percent of African American students, 37.5 percent of Hispanic students, and 27.8 percent of Native American students, all of which also graduate at lower rates; and

WHEREAS, increasing the educational attainment among communities of color by ensuring equitable education quality in public schools can contribute to higher rates of postsecondary education and financial literacy; and

WHEREAS, 62 percent of White households invest in high-return assets, including stocks, business assets, and real estate, only 36 percent of African Americans and 30 percent of Hispanics do so; and

WHEREAS, bringing communities of color into the mainstream financial system and establishing universal savings accounts with a match component can allow families to invest in assets would help close the wealth gap; and

WHEREAS, strengthening Social Security can help bridge the racial wealth gap; and

WHEREAS, economic inequality contributes to social instability and undermines our economy and democratic institutions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Nation Committee applauds the work documenting the scope of the existing racial wealth gaps and supports targeted efforts to close the gap for communities of color.

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Resolution Regarding Economic Opportunity and Workers’ Rights

WHEREAS, President Obama and the Democratic Party have been publicly speaking up about the ill effects on the economy of the rise in income inequality; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the need for better wages for workers, the President has taken administrative action to address an increase in wages for Federal contractors; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party is advocating for a raise in the minimum wage and equal pay laws; and

WHEREAS, low wage workers across the country are coming together to fight for increased wages, fair schedules, economic opportunity, and the right to organize;

WHEREAS, the courage of these workers has inspired renewed conversation on income inequality and the economic realities of the working poor; and

WHEREAS, the National Labor Relations Board is increasingly holding corporations accountable for illegal actions taken against workers who are speaking out for better working conditions; and

WHEREAS, prominent Democrats in Congress have recently proposed legislation to strengthen penalties for employers who infringe on the rights of workers to organize; and

WHEREAS, the link between income inequality and the declining rights of workers to organize and collectively bargain is clear;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has a proud history of supporting workers; and

WHEREAS, the website of the Democratic Party states “For decades, Democrats have stood alongside labor unions in defense of fair pay and economic security”; and

WHEREAS, workers at many of the nations’ largest corporations are denied the same fair pay and economic security that the Democratic Party has always stood for;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED that the Democratic Party will stay true to its core principles by being a champion of fair wages, collective bargaining, workers’ rights, and corporate responsibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Democratic leaders will use every opportunity when talking about the economy to advocate for jobs that include fair wages, safe working conditions, and the right of workers to organize; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will monitor violations of workers’ rights by employers and find clear and measurable ways within the party structure to hold those employers accountable for their actions.

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Resolution on Financial Treatment of Overseas Americans

WHEREAS, the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) was adopted by Congress in 2010 to identify and apprehend US taxpayers illegally avoiding paying taxes in the United States by moving untaxed earnings and assets into offshore accounts; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that every US taxpayer pays her or his fair share is a laudable goal and part of the necessary price of liberty; and

WHEREAS, FATCA obliges non-US financial institutions to disclose the accounts and account balances of American citizens to the US government—even when there is under \$100 in the account; and

WHEREAS, the FATCA legislation has the unintended consequence of treating the many millions of honest Americans living outside the US who are not trying to hide from taxation on a par with tax evaders; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of Americans living abroad have the same sorts of jobs as their friends and families in the US and pay taxes on their earnings in their countries of residence; and

WHEREAS, non-US financial institutions are closing the accounts of Americans to try to avoid the cost of compliance and the hefty penalties they face if they do not comply—including the withholding of 30% on certain payments to the banks; and

WHEREAS, Americans abroad should be entitled to normal banking and financial services in the countries in which they live, just as they are when they return home to the US; and

WHEREAS, there are proposals that would have the effect of treating Americans with financial accounts in the foreign countries in which they are legally resident the same as Americans living in the US with financial accounts in the US. In particular, financial institutions in a foreign country should be relieved from reporting on the accounts of Americans who are legally resident in that country; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party wholeheartedly supports efforts to apprehend US taxpayers and corporations who make use of illicit schemes, structures, accounts and facilities to move untaxed earnings out of the US in order to avoid taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee has passed a resolution calling for the repeal of FATCA, thereby demonstrating their support for those who avoid paying their fair share of taxes—even when they do so by illegal and illegitimate means; and

WHEREAS, the IRS has well-established guidelines for determining that an American is a bona fide resident of a foreign country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) support the continued application of FATCA as it applies to offshore accounts held by US taxpayers resident in the US; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC supports measures to ensure that overseas Americans, who are residents of a foreign country and follow the rules, are not unduly burdened by FATCA reporting requirements which correctly target tax dodging and other financial schemes.

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Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Robert Strauss

WHEREAS, Robert Strauss was born October 19, 1918, in Lockhart, Texas, and grew up in Stamford, Texas; and

WHEREAS, in 1937, he volunteered in Lyndon Johnson's first Congressional campaign; and

WHEREAS, Strauss graduated from the University of Texas and received a law degree from the University of Texas in 1941; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his law degree, he joined the FBI as a special agent; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, Strauss left the FBC to help found the law firm Aiken, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, he also invested in real estate, radio stations and banking and in 1964 became president of Strauss Broadcasting Co.; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Texas Governor John Connally appointed Strauss to the state banking board and in 1966 Governor Connally named him to the Democratic National Committee (DNC); and

WHEREAS, in 1970, he was elected treasurer of the DNC and in 1972, he was named chair of the DNC; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, President Jimmy Carter appointed Strauss as the U.S. Trade Representative and in 1979, he was named special envoy to the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, President George H.W. Bush appointed him Ambassador to the Soviet Union and after the break-up of the Soviet Union, he became Ambassador to Russia; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Strauss returned to Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2014, Robert Strauss passed away in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, President Obama said, “Bob was one of the greatest leaders the Democratic Party ever had, yet presidents of both parties relied on his advice, his instincts, and his passion for public service – not to mention his well-honed sense of humor;”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Robert Strauss for his service to our country and the Democratic Party and offer its condolences to his family.

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 Jason Rae, Chair, DNC Youth Council,
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Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Mary Anne “Mame” Reiley

WHEREAS, Mame Reiley was born in Newport News, VA; and

WHEREAS, when Reiley was in the third grade, she tried to organize her classmates to rally behind the presidential bid of John F. Kennedy, who, as a fellow Irish Catholic, she was thrilled to see elected President; and

WHEREAS, she also volunteered for Robert F. Kennedy’s presidential campaign, and traveled with her sister to volunteer at a health clinic in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Sacred Heart College in Belmont, North Carolina in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Reiley worked as an events planner for the Watergate Hotel in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, her political counsel was valued among many Virginia Democrats; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, she led a presidential exploratory committee in New Hampshire for former Virginia Governor Doug Wilder; and

WHEREAS, she helped U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner become governor in 2002 and catapulted U.S. Rep. Jim Moran to a 24-year career in Congress, serving as Moran’s chief of staff; and

WHEREAS, Reiley directed former Virginia state delegate Brian Moran’s Virginia gubernatorial campaign in 2009; and

WHEREAS, she was elected to the Democratic National Committee (DNC) from Virginia in 1992; and

WHEREAS, she served on the Executive Committee of the DNC and as Chair of the DNC’s Women’s Caucus, where she was a strong advocate for women in politics and was passionate about advancing women as leaders the Democratic Party and to elected office; and

WHEREAS, Reiley was a member of the DNC’s Rules and Bylaws Committee; and

WHEREAS, Reiley served as president of The Reiley Group, a consulting and fundraising agency that consulted for both “Race for the Cure” and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; and

WHEREAS, she served on the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) from 2002 to 2012, holding the position of the Chairman of the Board, and on the Dulles Corridor Committee; and

WHEREAS, after a four year battle with cancer, Mame Reiley passed away on June 2nd, 2014; and

WHEREAS, DPVA Chair Mayor Dwight Jones described her as “a fierce Democratic advocate and friend to Virginia Democrats who fought each and every day for Virginians across the Commonwealth;” and

WHEREAS, Rep. Jim Moran described her as “an indomitable force of personality and determination, always loyal, always committed to the principles of fairness and compassion”; and

WHEREAS, DNC Chair Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz said “Mame represented the best of the grassroots activism that is at the foundation of our party and her work ethic, commitment and

dedication are irreplaceable. Mame was a leader devoted to the Democratic Party and passionate about advancing women as leaders of our Party and to elected office”; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC in its efforts to honor and build on the years of service and hard work Mame dedicated to our Party reaffirms our commitment to mentor young women staffers so that they can build their skills to engage women voters. These tools that Mame epitomized will be established at the DNC and applied in their communities and all across our country in the political process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Mary Anne “Mame” Reiley for her vast contributions to the Democratic Party and offer its condolences to her family.

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Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Geneva C. Jones

WHEREAS, Geneva C. Jones was born on March 17, 1948, in Edgefield, SC; and

WHEREAS, she received her education from the District of Columbia Public School system; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 1964, Jones married the love of her life Rosial C. Jones Sr. and spent many years working as a fulltime stay at home mom to her five children; and

WHEREAS, she worked for the Democratic National Committee for 39 years, first working in the finance department and later working with the Association of State Democratic Chairs (ASDC); and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with ASDC, Jones assisted with the planning, management, and implementation of the organization's activities; and

WHEREAS, others depended on her expertise to ensure the smooth operation of ASDC meetings and conference calls; and

WHEREAS, Jones loved to travel and visited 49 of the 50 states; and

WHEREAS, her infectious smile was loved by the entire Democratic family; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2014, Geneva C. Jones passed away in Capital Heights, MD; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Geneva C. Jones for her contributions to the Democratic Party and offer its condolences to her family.

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 Rion Ramirez, At-Large/Washington

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of James Brown

WHEREAS, James Brown was born Oct. 19, 1938, in Natchez, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Mount Carmel High School in Los Angeles where he was a star football player; and

WHEREAS, he attended Los Angeles Community College, and while there was recruited by Annapolis to play football; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, he married Jo Etta Britton, celebrating 55 years of marriage on May 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Brown worked as a retail grocery manager for 35 years, owning two grocery stores in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Brown retired and moved to Gardnerville as a retired member of the United Food Commercial Workers Union and President of the Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans, Douglas County Chapter, working as a relentless advocate for Nevada's working families and senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, he became heavily involved in local, state and national politics, becoming the first vice president for the Nevada State Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, he served as president of the Sustainable Energy Development Associates which focused on environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, Brown was the first vice chairman of the Nevada Democratic Party and the president of the Douglas County chapter of the Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans; and

WHEREAS, Brown was an outspoken advocate for the elderly and a veteran of Douglas County's Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, he attended the 2012 Democratic Convention as a national delegate; and

WHEREAS, Brown died Saturday June 7th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Nevada State Democratic Party Chairwoman Roberta Lange described him as “an outstanding partner in running the Nevada State Democratic Party and his tireless work ethic and commitment to moving Nevada forward will be sorely missed,”; and

WHEREAS, his family members said, “He had a passion for voter registration and significantly increased the number of registered Democrats in Douglas County;”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor James Brown for his vast contributions to the Democratic Party and offer its condolences to his family.

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Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida
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Andres Ramirez, At-Large/Nevada
Rion Ramirez, At-Large/Washington
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Grace Garcia

WHEREAS, Grace Garcia, a second-generation Mexican-American, was born in West Germany but counted San Antonio as her home; and

WHEREAS, she attended Thomas Jefferson High School and University of Texas at Austin where she was the Mexican-American Democrats' first executive director; and

WHEREAS, Garcia worked in Bill Clinton’s presidential campaigns and served in President Clinton’s administration from its first day to its last, from January 21, 1993 to January 20, 2001, serving in a variety of roles, including deputy director in the Office of Presidential Scheduling and lead advance for President Clinton, where she coordinated the president’s domestic and international trips and events, and the director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, she also was a founder of the National Latina PAC and the Poder PAC, which supports Latinas who want to run for office, and ran an event management and public affairs firm she founded in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Garcia played a pivotal role in Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign and oversaw the National Latino Finance Council for the campaign; and

WHEREAS, she served as a senior advisor in the Office of the Chief of Protocol for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Garcia became the executive director of Annie's List in February of 2013, where she spearheaded a year in which female candidates and reproductive rights have had unprecedented visibility, raising money to support pro-choice candidates; and

WHEREAS, she played a critical role in laying the groundwork for Sen. Wendy Davis' campaign for governor, and in urging her childhood friend, Sen. Leticia Van de Putte to run for lieutenant governor, leading to the first all-women ticket in the state's history; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2014, while on her way to a political fundraising event in Dallas, the 59-year-old Garcia lost her life in a car accident in Waxahachie, TX; and

WHEREAS, President and Secretary Clinton described Garcia as intelligent, fearless and "a beloved member of our family...For well over two decades, every time we went to Texas, Grace was not only our indispensable supporter but our true friend;" and

WHEREAS, she was called "the passionate, tough, visionary leader we needed at Annie's List" by Amber Mostyn, chairwoman of the board of Annie's List, and "a force to be reckoned with — a woman with a vision that was every bit as big as Texas" by EMILY's List President Stephanie Schriock; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wendy Davis said of Garcia, "Where others saw challenges, Grace saw possibilities and was always inspiring others to believe in her vision. ... Her absence in the landscape of Texas politics and what she meant to us personally will leave a void that simply cannot be filled. Grace did so much for me and for countless Texas women. She was a part of this extraordinary journey we've been working on together that wouldn't have been possible without her;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Grace Garcia for her vast contributions to the Democratic Party and offer its condolences to her family.

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Christine Pelosi, California
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/Nevada
Rion Ramirez, At-Large/Washington
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas
Randi Weingarten, At-Large/New York

Resolution Honoring the Life of Basil Paterson

WHEREAS, Basil Paterson was born on April 26, 1926 in Harlem; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Dewitt Clinton High School in the Bronx at age 16 and got a job loading trucks; and

WHEREAS, Paterson enrolled in St. John's University, but put his education on hold during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after the war, he returned to St. John's, where he received a degree in biology in 1948 and a law degree in 1951; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Paterson was elected to the New York State Senate, where he represented Harlem and the Upper West Side of New York City; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, he was the first African American to win a statewide primary in New York; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Patterson was elected a Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, he was appointed a Deputy Mayor of New York City; and

WHEREAS, Patterson was named Secretary of State of New York State in 1979; and

WHEREAS, he became increasingly involved in labor relations in the 1970s and 1980s, mediating dozens of labor disputes and representing transit and hospital workers, teachers and others and in the early 1980s, Mr. Paterson joined the law firm now known as Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein PC, where he served as co-chair of its labor law practice, representing unions including the United Federation of Teachers and Local 1199/SEIU; and

WHEREAS, Basil Paterson died on April 16, 2014 in a Manhattan hospital at the age of 87;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honor Basil Paterson for his service to the Democratic Party and his lifelong dedication to civil rights and offer its condolences to his family.

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Submitted by: Henry Muñoz, DNC National Finance Chair/Texas
Mike Tate, Chair, Wisconsin
Melissa Schroeder, Vice Chair, Wisconsin
Martha Love, Wisconsin
Christine Bremer Muggli, Wisconsin
Jason Rae, Wisconsin
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/Nevada
Rion Ramirez, At-Large/Colorado

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Governor Patrick Lucey

WHEREAS, Patrick Lucey had a long, distinguished career as a public servant for the state of Wisconsin and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Lucey served in the Wisconsin State Assembly from 1949 to 1951, one of only 26 Democratic members in the Chamber; and

WHEREAS, he helped in 1949 to establish the modern Democratic Party of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Lucey went on to serve as the Chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin from 1957 to 1963; and

WHEREAS, during his six years as state chair, he saw Democrats win three gubernatorial elections, two U.S. Senate races, elect an additional congressman, plus put a Democratic majority in the Assembly for the first time since 1933; and

WHEREAS, he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin in 1964 and served one term from 1965 to 1967; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Lucey was elected Governor of Wisconsin with 54 percent of the vote, the first Wisconsin governor elected to a four-year term after a 1967 amendment to the state constitution extended terms from two years to four; and

WHEREAS, he served as Governor until July 6, 1977 when he accepted an appointment from President Jimmy Carter to serve as US Ambassador to Mexico, a position he held until October 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, he was named a fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and he also served in advisory roles for Walter Mondale's presidential campaign, specifically on Central American issues; and

WHEREAS, on the 10th of May 2014, Patrick Lucey passed away;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Governor Patrick Lucey by commemorating his service to the Democratic Party, the state of Wisconsin and to the United States.

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Submitted by: Henry Muñoz, DNC National Finance Chair/Texas
Rion Ramirez, At-Large/Washington
Anthony Graves, At-Large/Colorado
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/Nevada

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Billy Frank Jr.

WHEREAS, Billy Frank, Jr. was born March 9, 1931 in Nisqually, Washington; and

WHEREAS, because of his decades-long battle with authorities over tribal fishing rights he became a leader in one of the Northwest's greatest civil rights movements; and

WHEREAS, after a federal judge declared Indian treaty rights to half the region's salmon, Frank became a charismatic statesman for tribal rights; and

WHEREAS, he was a longtime chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission; and

WHEREAS, he spent decades fighting to protect forests and salmon streams from excessive timber harvest and development; and

WHEREAS, Frank served on a number of boards and commissions created to clean up the Puget Sound and repair imperiled salmon runs; and

WHEREAS, he was considered to be a global ambassador for indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 Frank received the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award and in 1992 he received the Albert Schweitzer Prize; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2014, Billy Frank, Jr., passed away at his home; and

WHEREAS, upon learning of Frank's death, President Obama said, "Billy never stopped fighting make sure future generations would be able to enjoy the outdoors as he did, and his passion on the issue of climate change should serve as an inspiration to us all;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Billy Frank for his bravery and dedication to Indian rights and offer its condolences to his family.

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Anthony Graves, Colorado
Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/Nevada
Rion Ramirez, At-Large/Washington
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Commemorating the Life of Dr. Charles Lionel Franklin, Jr.

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Lionel Franklin, Jr. was born April 5, 1946 in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin attended McKinley High School where he became an officer in the ROTC and was a member of the student government leadership team and in 1963 began school at Howard University where he became student body president and received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin continued his education at Howard earning a medical degree in 1971; and

WHEREAS, from 1971-1974, Dr. Franklin served an internship in Internal Medicine and his medical residency in the U. S. Coast Guard's (USCG) Public Health Service Hospital in Staten Island, NY, which he completed with the USCG in the outpatient clinic in Washington, D.C., where he achieved a final rank of Senior Assistant Surgeon; and

WHEREAS, this service was followed by a residency at Howard University in obstetrics and gynecology from 1974-1975 and a Family Practice Fellowship at Howard from 1975-1976; and

WHEREAS, from 1975-1976, Dr. Franklin worked as Employee Health Physician and Emergency Room Medical Officer at Howard; and

WHEREAS, in June of 1976, Dr. Franklin opened his Family Medicine practice in Silver Spring, Maryland with medical privileges at Howard University Hospital, Montgomery General, Holy Cross Hospital and Washington Adventist Hospital where he served on the Board, as Acting Chair of the Family Practice Department; and

WHEREAS, he also served on the Medical Records Committee at Howard University Hospital; and

WHEREAS, a passionate patient advocate, Dr. Franklin practiced medicine for 35 years, continuing to make house calls for elderly patients, even in the age of managed care; and

WHEREAS, after an extended illness, Dr. Franklin passed away on June 2, 2014;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Dr. Charles Franklin, Jr. for his contributions to the medical field and offer its condolences to his wife, Alexis Herman, and his family.

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Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
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 Rion Ramirez, At-Large/Washington
 Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas
 Randi Weingarten, At-Large/New York

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Maya Angelou

WHEREAS, Maya Angelou was born April 4, 1928, in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, between 1928 and 1942, she grew up both in St. Louis and Stamps, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, in 1941 Angelou attended George Washington High School and studied drama and dance on scholarship at the California Labor School; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 1950’s she cultivated her artistic skills by touring in a production of “Porgy and Bess,” recording an album entitled *Calypso Lady*, and joining the Harlem Writers Guild, among many other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, in 1959 at the request of Martin Luther King Jr., Angelou became the northern coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, she continued to work tirelessly for civil rights both through strong activism and passionate art; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 Angelou published her autobiography, “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,” nominated for a National Book Award; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 1993 she recited her poem “On the Pulse of Morning” at President Clinton’s inauguration, becoming the second poet, and first African American and woman poet to read at a presidential inauguration; and

WHEREAS, Angelou has been awarded numerous accolades for her artistic excellence and social justice efforts including a Pulitzer Prize nomination (1972), Langston Hughes Medal (1991), NAACP Image Award (1997), induction into the National Women’s Hall of Fame (1998), Voice of Peace Award (2008), and multiple Grammy Awards (1993, 1995, 2002); and

WHEREAS, as a poet, dancer, actor, producer, teacher, and activist she has served as a role model for the American people, illuminating thoughts on civil rights, justice, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2014, Maya Angelou passed away at her home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, President Obama described her as “a brilliant writer, a fierce friend and a truly phenomenal woman” and “one of the brightest lights of our time,”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Maya Angelou for her contributions and inspirations to our country and offer its condolences to her family.

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Christine Pelosi, California
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/Nevada
Rion Ramirez, At-Large/Washington
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Ruby Dee

WHEREAS, Ruby Dee was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 27, 1922, and moved to New York's Harlem as a child; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 11, she attended her first protests as a child joining the picket lines to rally against discriminatory hiring practices; and

WHEREAS, Dee graduated from highly competitive Hunter High School in 1939 and attended Hunter College graduating in 1945 with a degree in romance languages; and

WHEREAS, she joined the American Negro Theatre in 1941 which kick started her acting career; and

WHEREAS, Dee was a prominent civil rights activists speaking out against many causes such as the treatment of African Americans, the apartheid in South Africa, the Vietnam War, and the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg; and

WHEREAS, she and her husband, Ossie Davis, were master and mistress of ceremonies at the 1963 March on Washington and emceed the event; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Dee became the first black actress to perform lead roles at the American Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Conn.; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of the Congress of Racial Equality, the NAACP, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Delta Sigma Theta, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, Dee and her husband were inducted into the NAACP Hall of Fame in 1989; and

WHEREAS, her long and successful career included appearing in the 1950's *The Jackie Robinson Story*, 1961's *A Raisin in the Sun*, 1988's *Do the Right Thing*, and the 2007's *American Gangster*; and

WHEREAS, Dee received various awards and recognition for her work in activism and acting including an Emmy, a Grammy, a Screen Actors Guild award, an Obie, a Drama Desk, the NAACP Image Award, the Kennedy Center Honors, the National Medal of the Arts, the National Civil Rights Museum's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Frederick Douglass Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Screen Actors Guild, and an Oscar nomination; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2014, Ruby Dee passed away at her home in New Rochelle, New York; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Al Sharpton said, "Ruby Dee was a phenomenally rare artist and a jewel to our nation and community. I was privileged to work on several civil rights cases with her and her husband Ossie Davis. She was as committed to social justice as she was to the screen and stage. She will be greatly missed;" and

WHEREAS, President Obama praised the late actress and civil rights activist, saying Ruby Dee "paved the way for generations of black actors and actresses, and inspired African-American women across the nation;"

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

The following Resolution was adopted by the DNC Executive Committee at its meeting in Atlanta, GA, on Aug. 22, 2014.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Sophie Masloff

WHEREAS, Sophie Masloff was born on December 23, 1917 in Pittsburgh, PA; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Fifth Avenue High School in 1935 and began a job as clerk in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, where she worked for 36 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 Masloff was elected to the Pittsburgh City Council, where she also served as City Council President; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, at the age of 70, she assumed the mayor's office after the death of Mayor Richard Caliguri; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 Masloff was reelected to a four-year term as mayor, where she made fiscal responsibility the centerpiece of her term; and

WHEREAS, after stepping down as mayor, Masloff served as a presidential elector for Pennsylvania in 1996 and had served as a member of the Democratic National Committee since 1990; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2014, Sophie Masloff passed away of natural causes at the Center for Compassionate Care in Mt. Lebanon, PA; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Tom Corbett (D-PA) described Masloff as a "quintessential daughter of Pittsburgh: an outspoken, direct and honest character who embraced her work with a sense of service and a spark of joy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Sophie Masloff for her contributions to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the DNC Executive Committee at its meeting in Atlanta, GA, on Aug. 22, 2014.

Submitted by: Rick Boylan, Florida
Anita Bonds, Chair, District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Dorothea “Dotty” Jean Lynch

WHEREAS, Dorothea “Dotty” Jean Lynch was born in Brooklyn, NY on July 24, 1945; and

WHEREAS, she received a bachelor’s degree from Marymount Manhattan College in 1966 and a master’s degree in sociology from Fordham University in 1968; and

WHEREAS, after graduating, she was hired as a campaign researcher by NBC News; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Lynch joined Cambridge Survey Research, where she worked on the McGovern and Carter presidential campaigns; and

WHEREAS, from 1976 until 1983 she was a vice president of Cambridge Survey Research, where she oversaw polling for many campaigns for the Senate and for governor; and

WHEREAS, between 1983 and 1985 Lynch ran her own polling consultancy, Lynch Research, and served as polling director for the Democratic National Committee; and

WHEREAS, she was the first woman pollster in a Presidential campaign, working with both the Gary Hart Presidential campaign and the Mondale Ferraro general election campaign; and

WHEREAS, she was one of the first pollsters to realize the importance of the women’s vote to the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Lynch was the CBS senior political editor from 1985-2005 and a member of the CBC News/New York Times polling consortium; and

WHEREAS, she joined American University in 2006 where she taught a class on Politics, Polling and the Youth Vote during the 2008 general election; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2014, Dotty Lynch passed away from complications of melanoma;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Dotty Lynch for her work on behalf of the Democratic Committee and offers condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the DNC Executive Committee at its meeting in Atlanta, GA, on Aug. 22, 2014.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Christine Pelosi, California
Jim Zogby, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Promoting Community Policing and Justice for All

Whereas, our hearts go out to the family and other loved ones of Michael Brown and the people of Ferguson who are grieving in the tumultuous aftermath of his death and stand with President Obama in affirming that "we must make sure that the cause of justice & fair administration of law is brought to bear in Ferguson;" and

Whereas, our first priority as Americans is a peaceful resolution in Ferguson, Missouri that has continued and as President Obama said, "We are united in common values, and that includes belief in equality under the law; a basic respect for public order and the right to peaceful public protest; a reverence for the dignity of every single man, woman and child among us; and the need for accountability when it comes to our government;" and

Whereas, nationally we are challenged to rigorously advance policies that reflect our American values: treating each individual as worthy of dignity and respect; accorded liberty and justice for all; and

Whereas, we entrust our police and local law enforcement officers in all states with authority and responsibility to protect and serve us. We appreciate the overwhelming majority of police officers who serve with honor and integrity, putting their lives on the line every day; and

Whereas, across America, we promote community policing where peace officers engage in outreach to the neighborhoods, visit elementary schools, youth groups, and local businesses, work with various constituency organizations including communities of color, women, LGBTQ, and people with disabilities to keep people safe and recruit from their ranks, and

Whereas, a national shift in post-9/11 policing toward militarization ostensibly to fight armed drug cartels and terrorists attacks has usurped many common sense community policing practices. Indeed many veterans have noted with concern that local police forces wear more military equipment and body armor in American communities than servicemembers do when fighting in war zones overseas. The danger of this militarization is that such an approach presupposes criminality not community, breaks the bonds of trust between police and civilians, and intimidates local residents trying to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights; and,

Whereas, militarized policing in any of our communities is a sign of ineffective policing, because it alienates communities, takes officers off the street and puts them in heavily armed vehicles, and destroys the public trust that is necessary for people to feel comfortable coming forward and calling upon officers for protection; and

Whereas, across America, racial profiling and stop and frisk policies alienate people in targeted communities - particularly our youth of color whose only substantive encounter with a law enforcement officer is to be pulled over for driving while brown or stopped and frisked for walking while black. This alienation is unacceptable; moreover, the policies are ineffective. California statistics on convictions following racial profiling-driven detentions and contraband actually found in racial profiling-driven searches were so minuscule that the state agreed to end the practice - and calls for the federal government to do the same are growing; and

Whereas, we know that long-term and nationally, public policy, readily available technology and commonsense training can be used to transform justice if we are willing to hire diverse police and civilian leadership, ban racial profiling and stop and frisk practices that disproportionately and adversely impact communities of color, and promote community policing to keep us safe and free.

Therefore Be it resolved that the Democratic National Committee stands with our fellow Americans in supports the independent federal investigation by the Department of Justice of the fatal shooting of Michael Brown and the right of the residents of Ferguson to peacefully demonstrate their concerns about this tragedy; and

Be it further resolved that the DNC believes it is necessary for a national examination of the state of policing across America and will promote a shift from militarized policing to community policing and justice for all including pursuit of (a) review of the DOD section 1033 program to examine the overall federal effort of giving military-type equipment to local police departments with oversight and appropriate scale of funding so that excessive force does not lead to excessive use of force (b) an end to racial profiling and a retraining of officers to profile criminal behaviors not personal characteristics including race, national origin, sexual orientation or identity or religion (c) maximum use of technology such as wearable body cameras and dashboard cameras to protect the rights of police and civilians, and rigorous standards on the collection storage and transparency of the data collected by such technology (d) retraining officers with a federal excessive force standard and (e) national guidelines for independent investigations of officer-involved shootings;

Be it further resolved that the DNC commits to long-term organizing, voting and empowering communities so that if leaders don't change we work together to change course, promote safety, and deliver on the promise of liberty and justice for all.

The following Resolution was adopted by the DNC Executive Committee at its meeting in Atlanta, GA, on Aug. 22, 2014.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/ Florida
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Alice A, Huffman, California
Virgie Rollins, Michigan
Anita Bonds, Chair, District of Columbia

Resolution on the Importance of Organizing and Mobilizing for a Democratic Majority

WHEREAS, Tuesday, November 4, 2014 is a key election day that requires all available resources to be deployed to elect Democrats across America; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party is proud of its diversity and outreach to all voters across the country. We value our diversity as a party, our efforts we have made to increase the participation of minority and women owned vendors, and will continue to work to expand the participation of all eligible voters in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, the Obama coalition has brought together a diverse group of Americans-old and new Democrats- committed to our Party's values; and

WHEREAS, African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Pacific Islanders, Native Americans, Youth, Labor, the LGBT community are of particular importance to Democratic victories; and

WHEREAS, evidence reveals that to motivate minorities to vote in non-presidential years, the Party must invest in outreach and mobilization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Coalition played an important role and not only electing President Obama to the White House but in electing Democrats all across this country; and

WHEREAS, in the past, the Democratic Party has worked with and expanded both staff and consultants run by familiar and trusted individuals; and

WHEREAS, all of the targeted states have significant minority voters that can and will make a difference in the election if worked properly mobilized; and

WHEREAS, a "2014 Fannie Lou Hamer Report" released by Power PAC describing the lack of resources all democratic entities spend with the minority owned consultants has been circulated throughout the Nation and recently presented at a gathering of Democratic officials in Tunica, Mississippi; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Democratic Party entities and organizations such as the DNC, DGA, DCCC, DLCC, DSCC direct a significant amount of resources into the key targeted states as well as congressional and legislative districts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee takes the lead in organizing, mobilizing and directing resources to ensure the mobilization of the "Obama Coalition" across the country;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC utilize and share widely its minority vendor list to all of its affiliate groups to encourage the hiring and participation of those vendors in helping to mobilize voters this fall;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC, where possible target, fund and assist in the production of advertising targeting the Obama coalition – specifically in minority owned newspaper and radio owned stations, along with media targeting all other constituency caucuses to ensure properly mobilize GOTV efforts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Democratic National Committee reports back on the results of these renewed outreach efforts at its next Executive Committee meeting.