



Resolutions Adopted by the Democratic National Committee on February 28, 2014

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Resolution Highlighting President Obama's Accomplishments and Agenda Moving Forward

WHEREAS, President Obama's leadership has resulted in 47 straight months of private sector job creation and 8.5 million private sector jobs created over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law and millions of Americans have already signed up for quality affordable health care through the marketplaces as well as millions more who are benefiting from the law's other protections; and

WHEREAS, President Obama understands investing in our children's education is a top priority for the future of our country and has taken important steps to improve education standards, increase technology in our classrooms, and expand access to early education; and

WHEREAS, President Obama is committed to making investments in green energy and develop new technology to increase American energy independence, reduce costs, and save energy; and

WHEREAS, President Obama fulfilled his promise to responsibly end the war in Iraq, and is winding down our involvement in Afghanistan and bringing our troops home; and

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

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

WHEREAS, President Obama has shown support for equality through signing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, fighting for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, taking a stand

against Don't Ask Don't Tell and supporting the right of all Americans to marry who they love;
and

WHEREAS, President Obama made clear that increasing economic opportunity and growing the middle class is a top priority for the rest of his term;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC will continue to support President Obama as he leads our country forward; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC is committed to electing Democrats who will be partners in progress with President Obama to advance our shared goal of a thriving and growing middle class.

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Resolution Highlighting President Obama's Economic Opportunity Agenda

WHEREAS, President Obama has made increasing economic opportunity a top priority for his Administration; and

WHEREAS, Democrats continue to work tirelessly to create opportunities through pro-jobs policies and education, assistance for hardworking families, raising wages, strengthening the bargaining power of working people and expanding access to health care for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has made it a priority to ensure no individual should face a lifetime of poverty in American because of the zip code in which he or she was born; and

WHEREAS, Democrats know that to build real, lasting economic security we need to keep building and expanding opportunity so every American can get ahead and have a shot at creating a better life for their kids; and

WHEREAS, President Obama supports making high-quality pre-K available so that when children start their education, they will be prepared for a future better than their parents had available to them; and

WHEREAS, Democrats are committed to providing all Americans with access to affordable, quality health care so that no family faces bankruptcy because of an injury or illness; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has passed a wide range of tax relief for families and small business owners to drive economic growth; and

WHEREAS, women make up half of the workforce in the United States, but still make 77 cents for every dollar a man makes. Because of this, the first bill President Obama signed into law was

the Lilly Ledbetter Act to provide recourse for pay discrimination, and supports the Paycheck Fairness Act to bring us closer to equal pay for equal work; and

WHEREAS, hard work deserves a fair wage. To this end, President Obama has called on Congress to raise the hourly minimum wage to \$10.10, and is leading by example with an executive order requiring federal contractors to pay their workers at that rate in the future; and

WHEREAS, there are still far too many families in America who struggle to make ends meet and it is still far too difficult for Americans working to get into the middle class;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC will continue to support President Obama as he leads us forward as he continues to work on his agenda toward economic opportunity.

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Resolution on the Continued Commitment of President Obama and Democrats to Pass 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, President Obama signed an executive order to give relief from deportation to undocumented youth (DREAMers); and

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

WHEREAS, President Obama has been clear that he will not accept changes to the immigration system that create two classes of people; and

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

WHEREAS, Republicans have 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;

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

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

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Resolution on Promoting and Protecting Voting Rights

WHEREAS, the right to vote is among the most precious and fundamental rights of American citizenship and principles of our democracy, which protects and preserves, without undue burdens and barriers, all other civil and political freedoms; and

WHEREAS, citizenship requires the vigorous defense of each person's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the integrity of our electoral process is critical to Americans' confidence in the government and their leaders; and

WHEREAS, the administration of elections is a public trust and demands an unbiased and professional implementation; and

WHEREAS, America's credibility at home and abroad as a champion of freedom and democracy depends on a clean and fair election system; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees "equal protection of the laws" to each American, and recognizes the importance of the right to vote via the Fifteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-Fourth, and Twenty-Sixth Amendments, all of which work to prevent denial or abridgment of that right to American citizens; and

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," successfully

worked at “redressing racial discrimination and integrating the voting process” during the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, though the Voting Rights Act “wrought dramatic changes in the realization of minority voting rights, the Act, to date, surely has not eliminated all vestiges of discrimination against the exercise of the franchise by minority citizens,” there continue to be “efforts to reduce the impact of minority votes . . . [which] are aptly described as ‘second-generation barriers’ to minority voting”; and

WHEREAS, we would define second-generation barriers to the ballot box include an ever growing number of restrictive voting laws such as requiring limited photo identification, proof of citizenship, increasing regulation of third party voter registration drives, and limiting early voting and same day registration opportunities; and

WHEREAS, such provisions continue to erect additional and unnecessary barriers to the voting booth and establish significant expenses and difficulties that effectively prevent millions of eligible voters from casting their rightful ballots; and

WHEREAS, a key provision of the Voting Rights Act focused on preventing the institution of voting laws that have a discriminatory effect was invalidated by the Supreme Court’s decision in the matter of *Shelby County v. Holder*, leaving citizens without one of the most effective tools that has ever been brought to bear against voting rights discrimination; and

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

WHEREAS, in order to improve the voting experience, the President announced the establishment of the Presidential Commission on Election Reform with the purpose 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, the Presidential Commission released its report in January 2014 established standards for election administration and setting forth a list of common-sense recommendations for improving the voting experience, including: (i) increasing online voter registration; (ii) improving polling place location, design, and management; (iii) expanding early vote in all of its forms; (iv) reforming the poll worker recruitment and training process; and (v) making it easier for military and overseas voters to participate in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, second-generation barriers to the ballot box and inefficient election administration combine to disproportionately and negatively affect the ability of women, the elderly, the young, working families, people of color, and people with disabilities to exercise their right to vote;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee will engage in efforts to empower and educate voters so that they are able to make their voices heard in the American political process; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee will fully support the establishment of professional standards for election administration and implementation of the recommendations contained in *The American Voting Experience: Report and Recommendations of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration*, including, without limitation, the standard that no citizen be forced to wait in line for more than thirty minutes in order to vote; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee will call on legislators, Governors, Secretaries of State, and election officials across the country to advance measures that will protect the right of all eligible citizens to vote, support measures to expand and increase access to the ballot box, and combat laws making it more difficult for eligible Americans to cast their rightful ballots.

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Resolution Marking the 50th Anniversary of the War on Poverty and in Support of Ending Poverty and Addressing Income Inequality

WHEREAS, January 8, 2014 marked the 50th Anniversary of President Lyndon B. Johnson’s declaration of an unconditional War on Poverty, stating, “This administration today, here and now, declares unconditional war on poverty in America. ... It will not be a short or easy struggle, no single weapon or strategy will suffice, but we shall not rest until that war is won. The richest nation on earth can afford to win it. We cannot afford to lose it;” and

WHEREAS, President Johnson created vital programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Head Start, Job Corps, nutrition assistance (now known as SNAP), Pell Grants and many others, which have lifted millions of American families out of poverty; and

WHEREAS, a result of these critical safety net initiatives, poverty has fallen significantly over the past 50 years; the poverty rate has been cut by nearly half of what it could be without the programs; and 41 million Americans were kept out of poverty in 2012; and

WHEREAS, with approximately 46.5 million Americans, including 16 million children, living in poverty, there is a great deal of work to be done; and

WHEREAS, poverty disproportionately impacts communities of color: the rate of poverty among African Americans is 27.2%; 25.6% among Hispanics; 11.7% among Asian Americans; and 27% for American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, President Obama delivered remarks on economic mobility on December 4, 2013 where he noted today's CEO now makes 273 times more than the average worker; and a family in the top 1 percent has a net worth 288 times higher than the typical family; and

WHEREAS, Democrats believe poverty, income inequality and economic opportunity for all Americans to reach the middle class are among the defining issues of our time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) applauds President Johnson's declaration of an "unconditional war" on poverty and commends its success in significantly reducing poverty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC supports efforts to address income inequality and increase economic opportunity, and that Democrats at all levels will continue to work on national strategic efforts to cut poverty in half over the next 10 years.

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Resolution on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at Fifty

WHEREAS, America's historic struggle to secure equality in various areas of life has been fought through our legal and political systems since our Nation's founding; and

WHEREAS, fifty years ago, Congress and President Johnson acted to counter systemic discrimination by passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 serves as a foundation for broader anti-discrimination laws, such as the Voting Rights Act, and the Fair Housing Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee strongly supports the equality of all Americans in all aspects of American life, regardless of their gender, race, ethnic origin, disability, sexual orientation, economic status, or religion; and

WHEREAS, tremendous progress has been made in combatting discriminatory practices aimed at communities of color continues since 1964, yet the work to advance civil rights for all Americans must continue; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee reaffirms its commitment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee vows to support legislation such as the Employee Non-Discrimination Act that will further enable all Americans regardless of gender, race, ethnic origin, disability, sexual orientation, economic status, or religion to achieve social, economic, and political equality of opportunity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee will remain true to both the spirit and letter of the law in its efforts to make the United States a more perfect Union.

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Resolution Supporting Great Public Schools

WHEREAS, public education is an anchor of our democracy, a propeller of the economy and a vehicle by which we help all children achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, parents, students, educators, and our broader community share a desire for great neighborhood public schools that are safe, welcoming and collaborative and for multiple public pathways that help prepare all of our students for life, college, and career; and

WHEREAS, student readiness for life, college, and career requires high expectations for their learning and success, universal access to rigorous academic content; access to broad curricular offerings, including arts, music and physical education; digital literacy and 21st century skills, safe school environments; wraparound services that address students' social, economic and health needs; and class sizes that allow for individualized attention; and

WHEREAS, Democrats support education policies, including appropriate funding and resources, that help public school students in America who live in poverty and advocate for a country where all children succeed; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has advocated “more challenging curriculums and more demanding parents to better support for teachers and new ways to measure how well our kids think, not how well they can fill in a bubble on a test;” and

WHEREAS, Democrats have a profound respect for public education and support efforts to ensure teachers are well prepared and well supported so that they can provide students not just

with standards but with tools to address inequality so children with the greatest needs get the most resources; and

WHEREAS, although high school graduation rates across the country are improving, large gaps that fall along ethnic, racial, and economic lines still persist and must be resolved if the United States is going to remain globally competitive in the future and provide economic opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, not every school is offering students the rigorous coursework necessary to transition smoothly to postsecondary educational options without remediation, with recent data finding that fewer than a third of high schools serving most Hispanic and African American students offer calculus and only 40 percent offer physics; and

WHEREAS, proper implementation of college and career ready standards requires flexibility during the transition to the new standards to ensure sufficient time exists for students, educators, parents, and communities to collaborate and increase understanding of their roles; aligning curriculum to the standards; for providing and for protecting students' time for real learning and educators' time for teaching free from the consequences of high-stakes tests that may not be aligned to the standards; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party recognizes that public schools should provide all students the opportunity to succeed in a diverse and rapidly changing world as knowledgeable, creative, and engaged citizens and lifelong learners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party recognizes our shared responsibility to ensure great neighborhood public schools that help children build critical thinking and problem solving skills, the ability to approach learning and life with persistence and grit and develop a joy of learning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party endorses policies that recognizes that all students should have access to coursework and experiential learning that ensures they can think critically, solve problems, and apply their learning, and attain global competence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party endorses community-supported solutions with proven track records like early childhood education; safe and nurturing schools, supporting and valuing teachers class sizes that allow for individualized attention; digital literacy and access; engaging curriculum including art and music; and wraparound services to meet their social, emotional and health needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party recognizes that all students should have access to great public schools that meet the following criteria:

High -quality programs and services that meet the full range of all children's needs so that they come to school every day ready and able to learn;

High expectations and standards with a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum for all students;

High -quality conditions for teaching and lifelong learning;
A qualified, caring, diverse, and stable workforce;
Shared responsibility for appropriate school accountability, that is far more than
standardized test scores, by stakeholders at all levels;
Parental, family, and community involvement and engagement; and
Adequate, equitable, and sustainable funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will continue to advocate for solutions to poverty, hunger, homelessness, and other obstacles that millions of students endure every day that hamper their learning so that student's ability to get is ahead based, not on their circumstances of birth, but on their hard work, ambition, and goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party pursue policies that unite educators, parents, students and community around collaborative community-driven solutions to make every school a school where parents want to send their children, teachers want to teach and children want to learn.

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Alice Huffman, California	Laurence Zackson, California
Aleita Huguenin, California	

Resolution Supporting a Woman’s Economic Agenda Because “When Women Succeed America Succeeds”

WHEREAS, as President Obama said in his State of the Union address, “women make up about half our workforce, but they still make 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. That is wrong, and in 2014, it's an embarrassment. Women deserve equal pay for equal work. She deserves to have a baby without sacrificing her job. A mother deserves a day off to care for a sick child or a sick parent without running into hardship. And you know what, a father does, too. It is time to do away with workplace policies that belong in a "Mad Men" episode. This year, let's all come together - Congress, the White House, businesses from Wall Street to Main Street - to give every woman the opportunity she deserves. Because I believe when women succeed, America succeeds!” and

WHEREAS, Americans agree that no one who works full-time should ever have to raise a family in poverty, that our daughters should have the same opportunities as our sons, and that we all should have the opportunity to succeed based on our efforts, regardless of race, gender, sexual

orientation or identity, nationality, religion, disability or circumstance of birth; Democrats are united in advancing equality of opportunity and in rejecting the troubling wave of GOP state and federal legislative efforts such as Arizona's SB 1062 to enshrine discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Democrats in the United States House and Senate have introduced the Women's Economic Agenda premised on the three legged stool of fair pay, paid family leave, and quality childcare that will leave those "Mad Men" workplace policies on the dustbin of history, and move America forward with an agenda to, as House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi says, "unleash the power of women;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee urges Congress to pass the key elements of the Women Succeed agenda – fair pay, paid family leave, and quality childcare – to empower all America families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee encourage Americans to tell and share their stories and advocate for a women's economic agenda because when women succeed, America succeeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee embraces federal state and local efforts to strengthen workplace fairness, raise the minimum wage to a living wage, expand paid sick days, and advance universal pre-K so that all Americans have the equality of opportunity to reach our fullest economic and human potential.

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Resolution Honoring Black History Month

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

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

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation's Bicentennial, Black History Month was officially recognized by the U.S. government and is now celebrated all over North America; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month gives us an opportunity to honor the many contributions African Americans have made to our nation; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have charted a courageous path in our country fighting for equality and freedom both for their rights and the rights of others; and

WHEREAS, the story of hard-won progress, which defines the African-American experience, is one that inspires and gives hope to all Americans still fighting for full equality; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to remember and honor those who fought to put an end to injustice from slavery, who fought institutionalized segregation, and continue to fight the inequalities that still exist today; and

WHEREAS, Democrats honor the brave Americans who stood up to racism and violence to register their neighbors to vote, to make sure their children were receiving the best education, to

make sure the color of your skin could not determine where you could sit on a bus or in a restaurant, and to make sure all of our children have the same shot at the American dream; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month gives us the opportunity to reflect on how much more we can do to help honor the legacy of those who fought for the rights of all by ensuring that every child in America has an equal opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Democrats work every day to ensure that, regardless of race or the zip code a person is born in, they have equal access to affordable health care, housing, voting, and a quality education; and

WHEREAS, the African American community is disproportionately affected by unemployment and President Obama and Democrats are fighting to raise the federal minimum wage to a fair wage; and

WHEREAS, Republicans in Congress blocked the reauthorization of unemployment benefits and continually propose policies to take away affordable health care from millions, oppose raising the minimum wage, want to make it harder to vote, and cut funding from necessary education programs;

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

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

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Resolution Honoring Women’s History Month and Democrats’ Commitment to Protecting Women’s Rights

WHEREAS, March 1st marks the first day of Women’s History Month; and

WHEREAS, Women’s History Month gives us an opportunity to reflect on the progress we’ve made as a nation to provide equal opportunities for all and commit ourselves to continuing our work to help women and girls succeed in our country and the world; and

WHEREAS, President Obama recently reiterated in his State of the Union address, that “When women succeed, America succeeds”; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party will continue to promote women candidates and currently has sixteen women serving in the United States Senate, more than sixty women serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, and countless women in statehouses across the country; and

WHEREAS, the first piece of legislation President Obama signed into law was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, honoring those who worked so hard for women’s rights in the past, and fighting to bring the country closer to equal pay for equal work; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Democrats support the Paycheck Fairness Act that would address the gender gap and help to ensure that no woman is paid less than her male counterparts; and

WHEREAS, President Obama, Vice President Biden and Democrats in Congress pushed for the renewed authorization of the Violence Against Women Act, because it had already helped countless women in the United States who were survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the best way to honor the hard work of those who came before us, is to ensure that women never have to go back to living in a country that does not protect their right to make their own health care decisions; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Democrats fought tirelessly until the Affordable Care Act became the law of the land, and today insurance companies cannot unfairly discriminate against women just because they are women; and

WHEREAS, Democrats agree that full preventive care, including contraception, should be available without a copay so women can lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, the President and Democrats will continue to stand up for the rights laid out in Roe v. Wade; and

WHEREAS, Republicans continue to attempt to put politicians in charge of health care decisions instead of a woman and her doctor; and

WHEREAS, Republicans continue trying to defund Planned Parenthood which provides vital health care services for millions of women including cancer screenings and preventive care;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee recognizes Women's History Month and the women that are integral to the strength of our party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Women's History Month is an important opportunity to remind ourselves how hard we've fought, and how we must not become complacent in the struggle for true equality and opportunity for all women; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party will continue standing up to Republican attempts to curb women's health care rights.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 28, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Katie Solon, Chair, Democrats Abroad
 Ken Sherman, Vice-Chair, Democrats Abroad
 Bob Bragar, Democrats Abroad
 John Eastwood, Democrats Abroad
 Stanley Grossman, Democrats Abroad
 Caitlin Kraft-Buchman, Democrats Abroad
 Sandra Loridans, Democrats Abroad
 Gary Suwannarat, Democrats Abroad
 Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
 Henry R. Muñoz, III, DNC National Finance Chair/ Texas

Jill Alpert, Michigan	Cordelia Lewis-Burks, Vice Chair, Indiana
Dennis Archer, At-Large/Michigan	Martha Love, Wisconsin
Patrice Arent, Utah	Teresa Garcia Krusor, Kansas
Shawn Bagley, California	Rhine McLin, Vice Chair, Ohio
Jan Bauer, At-Large/Iowa	Iris Martinez, Illinois
Cecil Benjamin, Chair, Virgin Islands	Sharon Mast, Washington
Rachel Binah, California	Shari Mellin, Indiana
Dean Boerste, Indiana	Maureen Monahan, Vice Chair, Nebraska
Scott Brennan, Chair, Iowa	Dorothy Mrowka, Connecticut
Doug Brooks, Missouri	Bob Mulholland, California
Jeanne Buell, Vice Chair, Idaho	Blanca Uzeta O'Leary, At-Large/Colorado
Rickey L. Cole, Chair, Mississippi	John Olsen, Connecticut
Ed Cote, Washington	Karen Packer, Vice Chair, Oregon
Jean Lemire Dahlman, Montana	Johnnie Patton, Mississippi
Nancy DiNardo, Chair, Connecticut	Christine Pelosi, California
Debbie Dingell, Michigan	Vince Powers, Chair, Nebraska
Kate Donaghue, Massachusetts	Chris Redfern, Chair, Ohio
Becca Doten, California	Mame Reilly, Virginia
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire	Mannie Rodriguez, Colorado
Jess Durfee, California	Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan
Mary Early, California	Carol Ronen, Illinois
Alice Germond, Virginia	Valerie Brady Rongey, Vice Chair, Washington
Peter Gertonson, Idaho	Sally Rosser, Georgia
Barry Goodman, Goodman, Michigan	Melissa Schroeder, Vice Chair, Wisconsin
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado	Nancy Schumacher, Minnesota
Tarsha Hardy, Vice Chair, Texas	Lori Sellner, Minnesota
Tony Hill, Florida	Garry S. Shay, California
Gilberto Hinojosa, Chair, Texas	Hilda Solis, At-Large/California
Patricia Hobbs, National Federation of Democratic Women/California	Chris Stampolis, California
Aleita Huguenin, California	Keith Umemeto, California
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana	Randy Voller, Chair, North Carolina
Ronald Kaminski, Nebraska	Brian Wahby, At-Large/Missouri
Larry Kenck, Chair, Idaho	Lona Wilbur, Washington
Linda Langston, National Democratic County Officials/Iowa	Patricia Zieg, Nebraska
Barbara Lee, California	John Zody, Chair, Indiana

Resolution Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Democrats Abroad and Highlighting the Legislative Impacts on Overseas Americans

WHEREAS, American Democrats living and working abroad have participated in and contributed to the political life of the United States since the Democratic Party's founding; and

WHEREAS, fifty years ago Democrats Abroad first organized simultaneously in Paris and London when President Lyndon Johnson defeated Senator Barry Goldwater; and

WHEREAS, Democrats Abroad in 1964, were the first to mobilize U.S. voters living overseas, efforts which continue to this day; and

WHEREAS, for half a century Democrats Abroad has advanced the principles of the Democratic Party by communicating with U.S. voters in other countries and encouraging them to vote for Democratic candidates back home; and

WHEREAS, Democrats Abroad has 53 official Country Committees throughout Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Oceania and an international Executive Committee that keep Americans abroad informed of their rights and help them participate in the U.S. political process; and

WHEREAS, the extensive global Voter Registration activities of Democrats Abroad - most via www.VoteFromAbroad.org, its online voter registration tool - are essential because Americans abroad vote in every state in the U.S. and overseas absentee ballots are often key to determine the outcomes of elections; and

WHEREAS, Democrats Abroad is recognized as a "State" Party by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and is represented on the DNC by eight voting members, as well as at the quadrennial Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, more than six million Americans live overseas and the trend continues as globalization gathers even more momentum; and

WHEREAS, American social, cultural, political and in particular democratic values are disseminated through Americans living and working abroad, making overseas Americans arguably our nation's informal ambassadors; and

WHEREAS, overseas Americans are impacted uniquely by U.S. legislation in many essential areas, including taxation, financial reporting, immigration, health care and Social Security; and

WHEREAS, the issues and problems facing overseas Americans cross all categories of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, the issues and problems facing overseas Americans are felt equally by those who identify as Democrats, Republicans, or Independents; and

WHEREAS, the DNC is committed to ensuring the right to vote of Americans at home and abroad;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Democrats Abroad and urges all legislators to recognize the unique perspective and essential function overseas Americans bring to the party and the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Democrats will work together to ensure that overseas absentee ballots are reasonably easy to cast and always counted and will consider impacts of past and future legislation on Americans living overseas.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 28, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: William Owen, Tennessee
Henry R. Muñoz, III, DNC National Finance Chair/Texas
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii
Hilda Solis, At-Large/California

Resolution Commending President Obama's Efforts to Protect Citizens' Rights and Secure our Nation's Security

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee adopted a Resolution at its Summer 2013 meeting urging that 4th Amendment considerations be respected in regard to National Security surveillance activities; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has initiated changes to data collection and has recommended to Congress that additional changes be made; and

WHEREAS, President Obama approved a presidential directive to strengthen oversight of intelligence activities and reform programs and procedures in place to provide greater transparency to our surveillance activities and fortify the safeguards that protect the privacy of U.S. persons; and

WHEREAS, President Obama said, "we have to make some important decisions about how to protect ourselves and sustain our leadership in the world while upholding the civil liberties and privacy protections our ideals and our Constitution require"; and

WHEREAS, President Obama also said that, "for our intelligence community to be effective over the long haul, we must maintain the trust of the America people and people around the world"; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee expresses its appreciation to President Obama for promptly and thoughtfully responding to privacy concerns expressed by many Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC urges Congress to adopt the recommendations made by President Obama.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 28, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Emmett Hansen II, Virgin Islands
Henry R. Muñoz, III, DNC National Finance Chair/ Texas
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Alice Germond, At-Large/Virginia
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Hilda Solis, At-Large/California

Resolution to Support Increasing Access to Health Care for Veterans within the Virgin Islands

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands will have been associated with the United States of America as a territory for 100 years come March 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the U.S. Virgin Islands have fought admirably and loyally in the service of the Armed Services of the United States of America in wars, peacekeeping missions, skirmishes or conflicts in the past century; and

WHEREAS, the closest veterans' full care facility is located on the island of Puerto Rico and so many veterans seeking services face challenges;

WHEREAS, Democrats are committed to ensuring full health care services for all who serve our nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee will work with the Virgin Islands Democratic Party and with all Democrats to support adequate facilities and care for veterans in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 28, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Emmett Hansen, II, Virgin Islands
Henry R. Muñoz, III, DNC National Finance Chair/ Texas
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Alice Germond, At-Large/Virginia
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Hilda Solis, At-Large/California

Resolution Recognizing the Unique Challenges Faced by the People of the U.S. Virgin Islands

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands will have been associated with the United States of America as a territory for 100 years come March 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands must import the majority of the commodities and many companies refuse to ship to the territory; and

WHEREAS, increased shipping costs have driven up the cost of living in the territory; and

WHEREAS, the price of commodities, including medicine and food, has risen and those costs are passed on to the residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee work with the Virgin Islands Democratic Party and all Democrats to address the unique challenges faced by those living in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 28, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida
Maria Elena Durazo, DNC Vice Chair/California
Hon. Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, DNC Secretary/Maryland
Henry R. Muñoz, III, DNC National Finance Chair/ Texas
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii
Hilda Solis, At-Large/California
Kathryn Solon, Chair, Democrats Abroad

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Nelson Mandela

WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela was born on July 18, 1918 in Mvezo, Transkei; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela began his life herding cattle in a small African Village, and ended it as his country's favorite son and most respected former president and liberator; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela was instrumental in the fight against Apartheid and for racial justice in South Africa, using political action to fight institutional oppression for an entire country; and

WHEREAS, he showed us the power of action and standing for what is fair and right in the world; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela held together a country on the verge of civil war, and solved its issues with organization and strategies for action supported by the principles of democracy; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela was wrongly imprisoned for 27 years, yet able to transfer anger into reconciliation and introduced his jailers as honored guests at his inauguration as the President of South Africa; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela had the strength and commitment to democracy to step down from power after one term and show his faith in the system he fought so hard for; and

WHEREAS, upon his passing President Obama said, "we have lost one of the most influential, courageous, and profoundly good human beings that any of us will share time with on this Earth."; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2013, Nelson Mandela passed away after a long and full life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honors Nelson Mandela for his dedication to his country and to the democratic principles that the United States stands for.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 28, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Ken Martin, Chair, Minnesota
Henry R. Muñoz, III, DNC National Finance Chair/ Texas
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Alice Germond, At-Large/Virginia
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Hilda Solis, At-Large/California

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Joan Adams Mondale

WHEREAS, Joan Adams Mondale was born August 8, 1930 in Eugene, OR, and spent most of her childhood in Ohio and Pennsylvania, before moving to St. Paul, MN; and

WHEREAS, she received a bachelor's degree in history from Macalester College; and

WHEREAS, Mondale worked as an assistant librarian at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts; and

WHEREAS, in 1955 Joan Mondale, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, met Walter Mondale, the son of a Methodist minister, and they became engaged to be married 53 days after they met; and

WHEREAS, the Mondales moved to Washington in 1964, when Walter Mondale was appointed to fill Hubert Humphrey's senate seat, when he became vice president; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Washington, Joan Mondale was a regular volunteer at the National Gallery of Arts and also volunteered with other cultural groups; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Walter Mondale was elected Vice President of the United States and the Mondales became the first couple to live the Vice President's residence, which she turned into a showcase for American art; and

WHEREAS, Joan Mondale also pushed for equal pay for women and the Equal Rights Amendment; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2014, Joan Mondale passed away at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, in a statement following her death, President and Mrs. Obama called her a passionate advocate for the role of art in American life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Joan Adams Mondale her contributions to our country offer its condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 28, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Chair/District of Columbia
Henry R. Muñoz, III, DNC National Finance Chair/ Texas
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Hilda Solis, At-Large/California
Everett Ward, North Carolina

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Franklin McCain

WHEREAS, Franklin McCain was born January 3, 1941 in Union County, NC, and grew up in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Eastern High School in Washington in 1959 and received a bachelor's degree in chemistry and biology from North Carolina A&T in 1961; and

WHEREAS, while freshmen at North Carolina A&T, McCain and three friends, David Richmond, Joseph McNeil and Ezell Blair, made history by sitting down at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, NC, where they were refused service; and

WHEREAS, McCain and his friends, along with hundreds of others, both African American and white, continued to go to the Woolworth's lunch counter until on July 25, 1960 the first African American customers were served at this Woolworth's lunch counter; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from North Carolina A&T, McCain worked as a chemist and sales representative with Celanese Corp. in Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, he served on the board of trustees of North Carolina A&T and was on the University of North Carolina system's board of governors; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2014, Franklin McCain passed away from respiratory illness at a hospital in Greensboro, NC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Franklin McCain for his bravery and dedication to civil rights and offer its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 28, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia
Henry R. Muñoz, III, DNC National Finance Chair/ Texas
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Hilda Solis, At-Large/California
James Zogby, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Arnold Pinkney

WHEREAS, Arnold Pinkney was born January 6, 1931 in Youngstown, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Albion College in Michigan, where he earned letters in football, track, baseball and basketball; and

WHEREAS, he then served in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, Pinkney was one of the first African American agents hired by Prudential Insurance Company and later opened Pinkney Perry Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, he was a civil rights activist who led membership drives for the NAACP and participated in pickets of a Cleveland supermarket that refused to hire African American employees; and

WHEREAS, Pinkney volunteered on Carl Stokes' campaign for mayor of Cleveland in 1967 and later served as campaign manager of Louis Stokes' run for Congress in 1968; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Cleveland Board of Education from 1967-1978; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Pinkney served as deputy campaign manager of Hubert Humphrey campaign to win the Democratic presidential nomination; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, he was named campaign manager of Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign, where he was instrumental in rallying the support of minorities, the poor and the disenfranchised to Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Pinkney passed away on January 13, 2014 in Cleveland;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Arnold Pinkney for his dedication to civil rights and the Democratic Party and offer its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 28, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Allison Tant, Chair, Florida and the Florida Democratic National Committee Members
Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida
Henry R. Muñoz, III, DNC National Finance Chair/ Texas
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Hilda Solis, At-Large/California

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Charles Whitehead

WHEREAS, Charles Whitehead served a Florida Democratic Party Chair from 1980 to 1989 and returned to serve in 1999; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in helping Jimmy Carter be elected President in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Whitehead was a friend of Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas and invited Governor Clinton to address the Florida Democratic Party State Convention on three occasions; and

WHEREAS, he helped Governor Clinton be elected President and re-elected as President;

WHEREAS, Whitehead helped Paul Kirk and Ron Brown be elected Chair of the Democratic National Committee by assisting them gather votes in the Southern Region; and

WHEREAS, he was a strong friend of the Seminole Tribe of Florida; and

WHEREAS, when the City of Wewahitchka (population 1,700) Public Library faced closure, Whitehead saved the library (it is now known as the Charles Whitehead Public Library); and

WHEREAS, when the Glenwood Community in Panama City needed a community center, Whitehead personally funded the effort to refurbish a building for that use; and

WHEREAS, when Democratic Party organizers needed rest and recreation he provided vehicles, housing and refreshments in his home town of Panama City; and

WHEREAS, Whitehead is the only person elected as Chair Emeritus of the Florida Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee by an unanimous vote previously recognized Charles Whitehead for his service to the Democratic Party of the United States and the Florida Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, former Chair of the Florida Democratic Party, Charles Whitehead died on Saturday, February 2, 2014, at his home in Panama City, Florida;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee again thanks Charles Whitehead and his family for his dedication to the Democratic Party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee commends the Florida Democratic Party for its recognition of the contributions of Charles Whitehead.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 28, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Rick Boylan, Florida
Anita Bonds, Chair, District of Columbia
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire
Henry R. Muñoz, III, DNC National Finance Chair/ Texas
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia
Gilda Cobb-Hunter, South Carolina
Laura Calvo, Oregon
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Don Fowler, At-Large/South Carolina
Lisa Goodman, Delaware
Kay Lingle Koonce, Vice Chair, South Carolina
Hilda Solis, At-Large/California

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Tom Chorlton

WHEREAS, Tom Chorlton was born February 26, 1946, in Kansas City, MO; and

WHEREAS, he spent a lifetime of political activism, with extensive involvement in local, state and national politics; and

WHEREAS, Chorlton attended his first Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, he worked in Washington, DC on the staff of Congressman Melvin Price (D-IL), Chair of the House Armed Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 1981-1982, Chorlton served as president of the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, a Washington, DC LGBT Democratic organization, and in 1981 he was one of the first leaders to organize a successful political fundraising dinner to support the gay-rights movement; and

WHEREAS, from 1982-1987, he served as the founding Executive Director of the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs, the forerunner of the National Stonewall Democrats; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Chorlton ran as the first serious openly gay candidate for a seat on the Washington, DC, City Council, running as an at-large candidate, and paving the way for the future election of openly gay DC City Council members; and

WHEREAS, for the last ten years he was a political science professor at the College of Charleston in Charleston, SC, teaching classes in American Government, Contemporary Political Issues, the Politics of the American Revolution, the American Presidency, and LGBT Politics, and prior to that, he taught history and government at the Lake Campus of Columbia College in central Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Chorlton inspired countless students to get involved in the political systems, constantly urging them to, “Roll up your sleeves and get involved,” and reminding them that “Democracy demands participation”; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, after years of research and writing, he completed and published his book, The First American Republic: 1774-1789, profiling the first fourteen American Presidents before George Washington, calling them “giants of their age, men of power, wealth and experience, [who] served the Continental and Confederation Congresses until the adoption of our current form of government under the U.S. Constitution”; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2014, Chorlton passed away near Charleston, SC, following an extended illness from leukemia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Tom Chorlton for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his commitment to advancing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues, his passion for political organizing within the LGBT community, his love of American history, and his years of mentoring to future activists.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 28, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Sarah Kovner, At-Large/New York

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Arthur Ortenberg

WHEREAS, Arthur Ortenberg was born August 13, 1926 in Newark, NJ; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin and began his career in the garment industry at Rhea Manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 1957, he married Liz Claiborne; and

WHEREAS, Ortenberg, his wife and a third business partner went on to build a billion-dollar women's clothing empire, which revolutionized the fashion industry by making high fashion affordable; and

WHEREAS, after retiring in 1990, Ortenberg and Claiborne started a foundation to support environmental causes, particularly preserving animals and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, they had a ranch in Montana, where Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) said, "They encouraged our young people to take pride in their hometowns through the Montana Heritage Project, fostering a sense of community in a generation of students"; and

WHEREAS, because the Newark public library had provided a young Ortenberg an opportunity to dream and grow through its books, in his later years, he saved a number of libraries from closure in order to offer other young students the same opportunity; and

WHEREAS, he was a longtime supporter of Democratic candidates and progressive causes; and

WHEREAS, Ortenberg was very proud to have supported and met with President Obama; and

WHEREAS, he was a major supporter of the effort to reelect the President in 2012, particularly in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Ortenberg passed away on February 3, 2014 in New York, NY, at the age of 87;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Arthur Ortenberg and offer its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 28, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Charniele Herring, Chair, Virginia
Fred Hudson, Vice Chair, Virginia
Doris Crouse Mays, Virginia
Frank Leone, Virginia
Mame Reiley, Virginia
George Wallace, Virginia
Alice Germond, At-Large/Virginia
Jennifer McClellan, At-Large/Virginia
Susan Swecker, At-Large/Virginia
Atima Omara, Young Democrats of America/Virginia
Rick Boylan, Florida

Resolution Commemorating the Life of Mildred Lonergon McAuliffe

WHEREAS, Mildred Lonergon McAuliffe was born November 18, 1921, in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, known to everyone as “Millie,” she was the oldest of three girls born to a homemaker and a builder, Mildred and Joseph Lonergon, who prided himself on never creating two houses that were the same; and

WHEREAS, Millie graduated from Central High School in 1939 and received a BA in Journalism and Home Economics from Syracuse University in 1943; and

WHEREAS, she worked for five years for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as a claims adjuster in Boston and then in San Francisco, where she was also enrolled in flight school during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Millie eventually settled back in Syracuse after meeting her future husband, Jack McAuliffe on a blind date; and

WHEREAS, Jack served as the treasurer of the Syracuse Democratic Party while Millie worked Democratic campaigns with him as they raised their four children; and

WHEREAS, Millie and Jack’s four sons -- John, Joseph, Tom and Terry -- each attribute their individual success and strong values to their parents; and

WHEREAS, Millie was a devout and proud Catholic who was a founding member of St. Ann’s Church in 1955 and an early president of the Altar and Rosary Society; and

WHEREAS, Millie was a patient’s service volunteer for Community General Hospital, chaired several golf associations, and loyally participated in Democratic Party activities with Jack; and

WHEREAS, Millie was an effusive and dynamic personality who charmed all with her amusing wit and rousing renditions of “Hello Dolly”; and

WHEREAS, when 14-year-old Terry launched his own driveway sealing business, Millie agreed to answer the home phone as the business’ secretary; and

WHEREAS, after Jack passed away in 2000, Millie had a wry sense of humor about her own longevity; and

WHEREAS, during Terry’s campaign for governor of Virginia, Millie would often say that she would have to hang on long enough to see her son win the governor’s race, and then remarked that she wanted to stay alive long enough for her youngest son to be inaugurated governor, which occurred on January 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2014, Millie passed away peacefully at age 92 at Loretto’s Fahey Residence;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Mildred “Millie” Lonergon McAuliffe for her devotion to her family and instilling in them a pride of country, core Democratic values, and a strong sense of civic activism and commitment to community.