



The Resolutions Committee was called to order by Jim Zogby at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 9, 2011. The Committee considered one item of Old Business and 17 new Resolutions, which were a combination of message and commemorative Resolutions.

The re-considered Resolution Waiving Postage on Mail-in Ballots was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously,

1. The Resolution Honoring the Ten Year Anniversary of September 11, 2011 was amended with the insertion of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
2. The Resolution Honoring President Obama for His Efforts on Behalf of the American People was amended with the insertion of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
3. The Resolution on Restrictive Voting Laws was amended with the insertion of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
4. The Resolution Honoring the Dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial was amended with the deletion and insertion of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
5. The Resolution on the Republican Party Turning its Back on Middle Class Americans was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
6. The Resolution to Urge Congress to Provide the Residents of the District of Columbia with Full Democracy was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
7. The Resolution Urging Protection of Social Security was amended with the deletion and insertion of language and the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
8. The Resolution Urging the U.S. Congress to Transfer a Share of the Revenues Derived from the Excise Taxes and Duties Imposed on Petroleum Products Shipped from the Virgin Islands to the United States was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
9. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Charles T. Manatt was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
10. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Geraldine Anne Ferraro was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
11. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Kathleen Moore Vick was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
12. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Warren M. Christopher was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.

13. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Rilla Moran Woods was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
14. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Ned McWherter was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
15. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Kam Toya Kuwata was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
16. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Blossom Glorine “Glo” Henley was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.
17. The Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of W. Raymond Colley was amended with the addition of co-sponsors and passed unanimously.

The Resolutions Committee was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

In addition to the Resolutions passed by the Resolutions Committee, the DNC Executive Committee adopted the following Resolutions at its meeting on September 10, 2011:

Resolution on the American Jobs Act

Resolution Honoring Charles T. Manatt for His Vision to Establish a Permanent Democratic Headquarters

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Kevin Jefferson

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Victor Bussie

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida  
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia  
Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California  
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia  
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia  
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***Resolution Honoring the Ten Year Anniversary of September 11, 2001***

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2001, terrorists connected to al Qaeda coordinated attacks on the United States of America killing thousands of innocent people and creating an atmosphere of fear throughout the country; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor those who lost their lives in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, PA, and the many more who were affected by the attacks, not just on the anniversary, but each and every day; and

**WHEREAS**, we thank the first responders to Ground Zero, Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and the Pentagon who risked and in many cases lost their own lives in the service of others and did so without a moment of hesitation; these heroes demonstrated extraordinary courage and compassion in the face of hatred and terrorism, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, our leaders have been steadfast in their resolve to bring the perpetrators of his horrific attack to justice, and the brave men and women who serve our country in uniform and in the intelligence community have worked day and night to carry out this mission; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama gave the order for Special Forces to find and kill Osama bin Laden. The heroic efforts of SEAL Team 6 ended a sad chapter in American history, provided closure for many Americans, and have made the world a safer.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors the 10 year anniversary of September 11, 2001; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Democratic National Committee remembers the fallen, the first responders, all family and friends and those who faced terror and were united as Americans, reaching for hope; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Democratic National Committee thanks the men and women in our military and intelligence communities as well as first responders for their continued vigilance and sacrifice in keeping our nation safe from terrorism; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Democratic National Committee believes that it is important after such a tragedy that Americans not unfairly target or discriminate against any particular group, including American Muslims and Arab Americans, many of whom joined Americans from every background in supporting America through acts such as enlisting in and supporting our armed services, becoming and supporting first responders and participating in community service, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Democratic National Committee calls on all of us to continue our commitment to each other, not only as Americans but as human beings. Our country is a living testament to freedom and a beacon of hope for oppressed people throughout the world. Though the years pass, we vow to never forget the Americans we've lost and remember that when our nation is united, there is nothing we can't accomplish.

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Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida  
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia  
Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California  
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***Resolution Honoring President Obama for His Efforts on Behalf of the American People***

**WHEREAS**, President Obama took office during the worst recession since the Great Depression and took bold action to turn the economy around, cut taxes for middle class families and small business owners, and made investments in infrastructure and research and technology to help businesses grow; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act, protecting American families from the worst abuses of health insurance companies and working to ensure all Americans have access to quality, affordable health care; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama signed Wall Street Reform, ending the shady practices of predatory lenders, creating the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and ensuring the American people will no longer be stuck footing the bill for the mistakes of Wall Street bankers; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, ensuring women in the workplace are better able to earn a fair and decent wage by giving employees more power to fight discriminatory practices; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama has made historic investments in the green energy future of the country through unprecedented investments in the Recovery Act; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama has made college more accessible and affordable by increasing the number and amount of Pell grants available and reforming the student loan industry to benefit students; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama has ended combat missions in Iraq and is working to responsibly draw down troops in Afghanistan while still maintaining a vigilant and active commitment to keeping Americans safe and rooting out terrorism, including the finding and killing of Osama bin Laden; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama signed the repeal of ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ ending the outdated and discriminatory policy, making sure all brave men and women in uniform are able to serve America openly and proudly, regardless of their sexual orientation; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama has worked on behalf of the American people to create jobs, make our laws more fair and just, help consumers, homeowners, and small business owners all in the face of an intransigent partisanship; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee thanks President Obama for his work on behalf of the American people and congratulates him for his historic achievements; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee thanks President Obama for his efforts to help spur economic growth, protect the middle class, and make sure America wins the future and will fight alongside him as he continues to do the work of the American people and help spread the message across the country.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida  
Donna Brazile, Vice Chair for Voter Participation and Registration  
Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California  
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia  
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia  
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***Resolution on Restrictive Voting Laws***

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

**WHEREAS**, the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, ratified in 1868, guarantees “equal protection of the laws” for all American citizens; the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution guarantees that “the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude;” the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution guarantees that “the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex;” and the Twenty-sixth Amendment to the Constitution guarantees that “the right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of age;” and

**WHEREAS**, President Johnson and the United States Congress ensured the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, considered to be the most effective federal civil rights statute, and which prohibits voting practices or procedures that discriminate on the basis of race, color, or membership in a language minority group; and

**WHEREAS**, President Clinton and the Congress ensured the passage of the National Voter Registration Act in 1993, which enhances voting opportunities for every American by making it easier for citizens to register to vote and to maintain their registration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of the United States, writing through Chief Justice Earl Warren, has said “Undoubtedly, the right of suffrage is a fundamental matter in a free and democratic society. Especially since the right to exercise the franchise in a free and unimpaired manner is preservative of other basic civil and political rights;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court has said “a State violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment whenever it makes the affluence of the voter or payment of any fee an electoral standard. Voter qualifications have no relation to wealth nor to paying this or any other tax;” and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, legislators and governors across the country have reversed the trend of expansion of the franchise throughout the latter half of the last century by launching an unconscionable attack on the democratic values that set our nation apart, and which will restrict the right to vote for all Americans, and in particular minority, young, elderly, low-income, and disabled citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the restrictive voting laws advanced in 2011 include requiring all voters to show a government issued photo ID in order to vote, mandating that all voters prove their citizenship at the time of registration, repealing Election Day Registration, introducing stringent regulations governing voter registration drives, and reducing the availability of early voting – which will impact all eligible voters and will disproportionately and negatively impact the political participation of African-Americans, Latinos, other racial and ethnic minorities, and young, elderly, low-income, and disabled voters; and

**WHEREAS**, photo ID laws erect an additional and unnecessary barrier to the voting booth, with significant associated expenses and difficulties that effectively prevent millions of eligible voters from casting their ballots; and

**WHEREAS**, the DNC’s Voting Rights Institute’s report, “The Real Cost of Photo ID Laws,” demonstrates that implementing photo ID laws will cost taxpayers many tens of millions of dollars at a time when states are facing record budget deficits; and

**WHEREAS**, early voting laws have enabled millions of people to vote when they were able, unencumbered by the family and professional responsibilities that prevent many Americans from voting at the polls on Election Day, including more than 30 million people who voted before Election Day in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, same day registration laws have made it easier for people to become voters on Election Day by eliminating arbitrary barriers to their full civic participation, including more than one million people who registered and voted on Election Day in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, voter registration drives offer millions of Americans the opportunity to register and vote, and the League of Women Voters of Florida, an organization with a 70-year history of registering and educating voters, has already stopped its voter registration drive operations, explaining that it cannot comply with the stringent new voter registration drive regulations in that state; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 30 million Americans with disabilities of voting age, yet the Federal Election Commission reports that there are more than 20,000 inaccessible polling places and modernizing the system with automated registration, online access to records and accessible voting machines would allow more eligible Americans to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, Democratic legislators across the country courageously opposed these efforts to restrict the franchise, and helped protect the right to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, Governors John Lynch (New Hampshire.), Bev Perdue (North Carolina), Jay Nixon (Missouri), Brian Schweitzer (Montana), and Mark Dayton (Minnesota) all took a courageous stand to defend Americans' right to vote by vetoing photo ID bills and other regressive legislation;

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee will continue to fight with leaders across the country to stop the manipulation of Americans' constitutional rights for partisan gain; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee calls on legislators, Governors, Secretaries of State, and elections officials across the country to advance measures that will protect the right of all eligible citizens to vote; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee calls on state election officials to educate the public about the effect of new restrictive voting laws, and to do everything in their power to ensure that all eligible citizens who want to vote are able to do so and to have their vote counted.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida  
Donna Brazile, Vice Chair for Voter Participation and Registration  
Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California  
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***Resolution Honoring the Dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial***

**WHEREAS**, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial will soon be dedicated, and

**WHEREAS**, the King Memorial was conceived, designed, and built to commemorate the life and work of Dr. King with the creation of a memorial to honor his national and international contributions to social justice and peace through non-violent change; and

**WHEREAS**, the King Memorial was built on the United States National Mall, situated between Memorials for the authors of the Emancipation Proclamation and the Declaration of Independence, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson, and located at 1964 Independence Avenue, an address that commemorates the instrumental role that Dr. King’s moral leadership and relentless efforts played in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, the King Memorial is infused with Dr. King’s spiritual presence and incorporates his words throughout its design, celebrating Dr. King’s life and reminding us of his commitment to civil rights, economic justice, and international peace as well as his vision of America as a nation always striving for equality, hope, and shared opportunity for all citizens;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors the unveiling of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee commends all the individuals who led the effort to design and build a National Memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the countless Americans who contributed to this effort; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee calls on all of us to mold our commitment to Civil, Voting, and Human Rights in Dr. King’s example, and to endeavor to make our daily work a living memorial to his life and legacy.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, Vice Chair for Voter Participation and Registration  
Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California  
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***Resolution on the Republican Party Turning Its Back on Middle Class Americans***

**WHEREAS**, the Republican Party has repeatedly put the interests of corporations and special interests ahead of middle class Americans and working families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republican Party has refused to support a balanced approach to deficit reduction and would rather shift the burden onto the backs of seniors citizens and middle class Americans through cuts to Medicare and Social Security; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republicans have repeatedly fought for tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and corporations, but not assistance to Americans who are looking for work; and

**WHEREAS**, now when given the opportunity Republicans are actually looking to raise taxes on 160 million middle class Americans;

**WHEREAS**, the Republican Party has continually spoken out against the President's efforts to help the economy, yet used Recovery Act funds to benefit their districts and states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republican Party, since taking over leadership in the House of Representatives, has offered not one single bill that will help spur job growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republican Party and its presidential candidates has offered no new ideas to help Americans get back to work, instead promoting the same tired policies that lead our country into the worst recession since the Great Depression, including cutting taxes for the wealthiest Americans and deregulating Wall Street;

**WHEREAS**, Republican presidential candidates are campaigning on the repeal of Wall Street reform, which protects working Americans from having to foot the bill for Wall Street bankers' risky bets and makes sure consumers are no longer subject to the shady practices of predatory lenders.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee calls on Republicans to put politics aside, abandon their out-of-touch positions, and start working with President Obama in any meaningful way to help the economy recover; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee will continue supporting President Obama and his efforts to help spur economic growth, protect the middle class, and make sure America wins the future.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Anita Bonds, Chair, District of Columbia  
 Donna Brazile, Vice Chair for Voter Participation and Registration  
 Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California  
 Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
 Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia  
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 Blanca O’Leary, Colorado

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***Resolution to Urge Congress to Provide the Residents of the District of Columbia with 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; and

**WHEREAS**, through the enactment of the “District of Columbia Organic Act of 1801” DC residents were disenfranchised from voting for representative Members of Congress for 210 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 services, and yet DC residents have no vote in the US Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, no other nation in the world denies the right of self-government, including participation in its national legislature, to the residents of its capital; 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 and the “Resolution in Support of the District of Columbia House Voting Rights” in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the new House majority began the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress by stripping DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton of a vote in the Committee of the Whole, and implementing new legislation trampling on DC Home Rule including the introduction of a bill to bar DC funds for abortions for DC residents, and overriding a Congressional and local compromise on private school vouchers for DC; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2011 DC Delegate Norton introduced three bills on attaining self-governance for the District of Columbia: the New Columbia Admission Act providing for statehood for DC, the DC Equal Representation Act allowing DC both House and Senate seats, and the DC House Voting Rights Act providing DC a House vote; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 19, 2011 DC Delegate Norton introduced the DC Budget Autonomy Act of 2011 to allow the DC budget of local taxpayer-raised funds to become law without Congressional approval, recognizing that while the District of Columbia has timely passed a balanced budget for each of the last 16 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

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the District of Columbia have endorsed statehood for the District of Columbia, and have been pressing for Congressional voting rights and budget autonomy,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee endorse and encourage citizens and their members of Congress to support full democracy and statehood 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.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida  
 William Owen, Tennessee  
 Donna Brazile, DNC Chair/District of Columbia  
 Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California  
 Raymond Buckley, Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
 Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia

Arthenia Abbot, Vice Chair, Michigan	Myron Lowery, National Democratic Municipal
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Maggie Allen, Maine	Maria Luna, New York
Jon Ausman, Florida	Sharon Mast, Washington
Gus Bickford, Massachusetts	Rhine McLin, Vice Chair, Ohio
Rachel Binah, California	Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii
Jeanne Buell, Vice Chair, Idaho	Ben Nesselhuf, Chair, South Dakota
John Burton, Chair, California	Blanca O'Leary, Colorado
Doris Crouse-Mays, Virginia	John Olsen, Connecticut
Yvonne Davis, Texas	Johnnie Patton, Mississippi
Maurice Davison, Indiana	Christine Pelosi, California
Joanne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire	Dwight Pelz, Chair, Washington
Jess Durfee, California	Karren Pope-Onwuokee
Mary Ellen Early, California	Robert Rankin, California
Don Fowler, At-Large/South Carolina	Chris Redfern, Chair, Ohio
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of	Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic
Columbia	Women/Michigan
Alexandra Gallardo Rooker, Vice Chair,	James Roosevelt, Jr., At-Large/Massachusetts
California	Lee Saunders, At-Large/California
Evelyn T. Garcia, Florida	Mark Schneider, Chair, North Dakota
Pete Gertonson, Idaho	Lauren Shannon, Democrats Abroad
Benjamin K. Grant, Chair, Maine	Garry Shay, California
Alma Gonzalez, Vice Chair, Florida	Kenneth Sherman, Chair, Democrats Abroad
Anthony Graves, Colorado	Cindy Spanyers, Alaska
Rollie Hicks, Wisconsin	Sam Spencer, Maine
Alice Huffman, California	Rick Stafford, Minnesota
Therese Hunkin, American Samoa	Kathleen Sullivan, New Hampshire
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana	Janet Thomas-May, Alabama
Andrew Lachman, California	John Verdejo, North Carolina
Barbara Lee, California	Laurence Zakson, California
Cordelia Lewis-Burks, Vice Chair, Indiana	
Bel Leong-Hong, At-Large/Maryland	

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***Resolution Urging Protection of Social Security***

**WHEREAS**, President Franklin Roosevelt proposed the Social Security System during the depths of the Great Depression; and,

**WHEREAS**, a Democratic Congress accepted President Roosevelt's proposal and created the Social Security System; and,

**WHEREAS**, Democratic and Republican Congresses have continued to support and strengthen the Social Security system; and,

**WHEREAS**, Social Security has helped raise tens of millions of Americans out of poverty; and.

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party has defended the Social Security system from repeated attacks from members of the Republican Party ever since Social Security was created; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party continues to stand for Social Security as an irreplaceable safety net; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party opposed efforts to weaken Social Security by the Bush Administration;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee opposes efforts to weaken Social Security and the will fight diligently to protect Social Security and preserve the dignity of retirees and people with disabilities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee continues to believe in the words that President rallied America with in 1933 when he said, "We have nothing to fear, but fear itself."

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Roberto Prats, Chair, Puerto Rico  
Delores Thomas, Vice Chair, Virgin Islands  
Luisette Cabanas, Vice Chair, Puerto Rico  
Aracelis Arroyo, Puerto Rico  
Carol Burke, Virgin Islands  
Francisco Domenech, Young Democrats of America, Puerto Rico  
Andres Lopez, At-Large/Puerto Rico  
Kenneth McClintock, Puerto Rico  
Glen Smith, Virgin Islands  
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana  
Anthony Graves, Colorado  
Bel Leong-Hong, At-Large/Maryland

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***A Resolution Urging the U.S. Congress to Transfer a Share of the Revenues Derived from the Excise Taxes and Duties Imposed on Petroleum Products Shipped from the Virgin Islands to the United States***

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Virgin Islands, consisting of the islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John and adjacent cays, came under sovereignty of the United States in the year 1917, and are home to over one hundred ten thousand U.S. citizens, who have made nearly a century of invaluable contributions to the rich tapestry of American cultural and social activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Virgin Islands' economy has long depended upon tourism and commerce and upon selected industrial activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the major industrial operation in the Virgin Islands is HOVENSA, L.L.C. (formerly Hess Oil Virgin Islands Corporation) located on the island of St. Croix, the second largest petroleum refinery in the western hemisphere, with a capacity to process a half a million barrels of crude oil per day and ship over five billion dollars worth of refined petroleum products yearly to the rest of the United States, generating revenues to the U.S. Treasury from excise taxes, licenses and other duties on petroleum products shipped to the mainland United States; and

**WHEREAS**, VIWAPA, the Territory's local and exclusive public power utility, is wholly dependent on fossil fuel oil to generate power for all residents, businesses, and government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Caribbean is blessed with abundant wind, solar, and geothermal resources that can allow islands in the region to generate clean energy using indigenous sources; and

**WHEREAS**, until recently HOVENSA refined about 500,000 barrels of crude oil per month or 2.4 million barrels of fuel per year for the operations of its electric and water systems; the purchases have remained consistent over the past nine years as a cost of about 236,000,000 to 240,000,000 to the rate payers and at the expense of a receding and depressed economy; and

**WHEREAS**, VIWAPA is an essential component of the Territory's growth and development, the resident's well being, cost of living, health and economy, it is essential that VIWAPA provide reasonable rates and reliable electric and water services; and

**WHEREAS**, because VIWAPA is forced to operate inefficiently as it had no connection to a grid system, depends solely on fossil fuel which has increased the Virgin Islands' average price per kilowatt hour of electricity to 31 cents today; and

**WHEREAS**, significant financial resources are required to fund a Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands shared initiative on a grid system that reduces the cost of electric power to both the Territorial entities and would clean up the shorelines and restore the aquifer and water tables and to address environmental concerns for St. Croix and the rest of the Territory and interconnection could help improve grid stability and resilience in the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, federal law provided that goods shipped from the Virgin Islands to the United States were and are to be subject to excise taxes and duties, while allowing the Virgin Islands Treasury to recover a portion of these funds, pursuant to Section 28 of the Virgin Islands Revised Organic Act of 1954, and Section 7652 (b) of title 26 of the U.S. code (providing for excise taxes on articles shipped from the Virgin Islands to the United States and specifying that a part of such amount collected transferred to the Virgin Islands based on matching formula); and

**WHEREAS**, the relevant law has consistently been interpreted by federal authorities as referring primarily to distilled spirits and not extending to refined petroleum products; and

**WHEREAS**, the procedure used for the recovery of distilled spirits taxes provides a model that would enable the U.S. Virgin Islands to benefit, at least in part, from the revenues generated from the existing excise taxes, licenses, and duties on refined petroleum products shipped to the United States, which would have no effect on the business costs of HOVENSA and its stateside customers; and

**WHEREAS**, a congressional funded study recently determined the technical feasibility of interconnecting the islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John to Puerto Rico's larger electric grid system; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Energy and State Departments have supported creating a larger Caribbean energy grid that will interconnect all jurisdictions in the Caribbean reducing their dependency on foreign oil and increasing the viability of renewable energy sources; and

**WHEREAS**, Secretary of Energy Steven Chu and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton acknowledged the potential benefits of an eventual Caribbean-wide electricity grid in their remarks at the 2010 Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas Ministerial; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic National Committee and through the Democratic Party Credo espouses "to encourage commerce, to educate children, to promote equal opportunity, to advance science and industry, to support art and industry, to support the arts and humanities, to restore the land, to develop and conserve our human and natural resources, to preserve and enhance our built environment..."

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee supports the effort of the USVI leaders to petition the United States Congress and the President of the United States to allocate a portion of the Federal Gasoline Excise Tax to be returned to the Territory to address the reduction in energy costs, health and environmental concerns, establish an energy grid system with the islands of Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John and access renewable geothermal energy in the

neighboring islands of Nevis and St. Kitts to offer energy relief from fossil fuel dependency and to provide the Territory with a more stable and reliable energy system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the DNC urges the support and favorable recommendation from the U. S. Secretary to the Congress of the United States for the perpetual transfer of a portion of revenues derived from excise taxes and duties imposed on petroleum products shipped from the Virgin Islands to the United States; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the President of the United States, the members of the House of Representatives and the members of the United States Senate for the member states and territories of the Democratic National Committee.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida  
 Chair John Burton and the California members of the DNC  
 Chair Sue Dvorsky and the Iowa members of the DNC  
 Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia  
 Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California  
 Raymond Buckley, Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
 Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia  
 Don Fowler, At-Large/District of Columbia  
 Michael Steed, At-Large/Maryland  
 Anthony Graves, Colorado  
 Ben Jeffers, Louisiana  
 Bel Leong-Hong, At-Large/Maryland  
 Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii

***Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Charles T. Manatt***

**WHEREAS**, Charles T. Manatt was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 9, 1936; and

**WHEREAS**, from his earliest years, Manatt had a talent for organizing - after chores were finished on his family farm in Audubon, Iowa, he managed his high school football and basketball teams; he was an Eagle Scout, active in the 4-H Club, an officer of Iowa Future Farmers of America, student council president, senior class president, and member of the speech club; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatt entered politics at the age of 16, when he volunteered in Adlai Stevenson's 1952 presidential campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatt entered Iowa State University in 1956 where he met and ultimately wed classmate, Kathleen Klinkefus, with whom he had three children; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from college in 1958, served in the U.S. Army, and then entered the George Washington University Law school graduating in 1962, during which time he served as the Executive Secretary of Young Democrats; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from law school, Manatt joined the Los Angeles law firm of O'Melveny & Myers and later joined the law firm of Wyman Bautzer; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965, Manatt and his Iowa State classmate, Thomas Phelps, collaborated to start a law firm in California, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP, which began as a six man group and now has 350 attorneys in offices in New York, California and Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatt founded First Los Angeles Bank, and served as its chairman from 1973-1989; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as chairman of the California Democratic Party from 1971-1973 and from 1975-77; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatt served as Chairman of the Democratic Party from 1981-1985 during which, he aided the Democrats in building the party's finances, modernizing it through computerization, direct mail and other initiatives, and building a new headquarters in Washington, all during the Reagan administration, a particularly challenging time for Democrats; and

**WHEREAS**, during his term as Chairman of the Democratic Party he worked to build local and state party organizations and, as a result, many significant new Democratic governors and state and local Democrats were elected in the 1982 mid-term election; and

**WHEREAS**, during his term the Democratic Party changed its presidential primary and caucus system to welcome Democratic members of the House and Senate, Democratic governors, and mayors as automatic uncommitted delegates to the 1984 National Convention in San Francisco, CA; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatt joined with organized labor, the RNC, the Reagan Administration and The Chamber of Commerce in the creation of the National Endowment for Democracy and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs to assist democratic movements in emerging countries world-wide; and

**WHEREAS**, he is recognized for his efforts to diversify the Democratic Party by reaching out to unions and their members and Hispanic citizen groups, and conferring with civil rights activist and presidential candidate, Jesse Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, after Manatt's career as DNC chairman, he remained involved with party causes, as he served as the campaign chief for the White House candidacies of United States Senators Gary Hart (CO) and Paul Simon (IL) in the 1988 race; and

**WHEREAS**, he also served as chairman of the successful Clinton-Gore presidential election campaign in 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatt's relentlessness and hard work was recognized by President Bill Clinton, as he was appointed ambassador to the Dominican Republic from 1999-2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles T. Manatt passed away on July 22, 2011, at the age of 75, from complications of a stroke that he had suffered in November 2010,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honor Charles T. Manatt for his career in law, diplomacy, farming, banking, politics and philanthropy as well as his life time contributions to our party, our nation, and countries throughout the world, and offer its condolences to his wife Kathleen, daughter Michele and sons Daniel and Timothy.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, DNC Chair/Florida  
Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia  
Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California  
Raymond Buckley, Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia  
Anthony Graves, Colorado  
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana  
Bel Leong-Hong, At-Large/Maryland  
Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii  
Christine Pelosi, California  
Rosalind Wyman, California

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***Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Geraldine Anne Ferraro***

**WHEREAS**, Geraldine Anne Ferraro was born in Newburgh, New York, on August 26, 1935; and

**WHEREAS**, she was educated at the Marymount School, a Catholic boarding school in Tarrytown, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferraro's laudable academic performance earned her a scholarship to Marymount College, from which she graduated in 1956 and excelled as a major in English, an athlete, and an editor of the school newspaper; and

**WHEREAS**, upon graduation, she pursued a teaching position at a public school in Queens, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferraro was admitted to night school at Fordham Law School and received her law degree as one of two women in 1960; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 16, 1960, she wed John Zaccaro, two days after passing her bar exam; and

**WHEREAS**, she was admitted to the New York State bar in 1961, and decided to retain her maiden name professionally, to honor her mother, and

**WHEREAS**, Ferraro and her husband had three children, Donna, John, and Laura; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1970, Ferraro's legal experience culminated in her election as president of the Queens County Women's Bar Association; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1973, Ferraro continued along on her professional career path by obtaining a job as an assistant district attorney in charge of a special victims bureau, investigating rape, crimes against the elderly, and child and wife abuse under her cousin, Nick Ferraro's, who had been elected Queens district attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferraro's commitment to public service led her to her victory in the election for a seat in the United States House of Representatives in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States House of Representatives, Ferraro worked on the Public Works and Transportation Committee, where she successfully advocated for improved mass transit around La Guardia Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferraro developed a wonderful rapport with Speaker Tip O'Neill whose mentorship translated into her election as Secretary of the Democratic Caucus and, in 1983, her award of a seat on the budget committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferraro served as Chairwoman of the 1984 Democratic Platform Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferraro shattered the glass ceiling for women in politics when Democratic Presidential nominee Walter Mondale asked her to be his running-mate; and

**WHEREAS**, she graciously accepted the nomination and worked tirelessly on the campaign trail, spanning 55,000 miles, with speaking engagements in 85 cities, and raising a final sum of \$6 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferraro continued to promote her views and achieve success as she later became an ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Commission during the Clinton administration; and

**WHEREAS**, at the end of 1998, Ferraro learned she had multiple myeloma, a bone-marrow cancer which she courageously fought for 12 years with all of the same will and determination she had used to open new doors for women and labor-rights activists in Washington, and the World; and

**WHEREAS**, Geraldine Anne Ferraro passed away on March 26, 2011, at the age of 75, at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston; and

**WHEREAS**, In a statement commemorating the life of Geraldine Anne Ferraro, President Barack Obama remarked, "Geraldine will forever be remembered as a trailblazer who broke down barriers for women and Americans of all backgrounds and walks of life";

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honor Geraldine A. Ferraro for her service and contributions to our nation and offer its condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia  
Raymond Buckley, Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia  
Don Fowler, At-Large/South Carolina  
Anthony Graves, Colorado  
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana  
Bel Leong-Hong, At-Large/Maryland  
Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii

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***Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Kathleen Moore Vick***

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Moore Vick was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 16, 1938; and

**WHEREAS**, Vick graduated from Louis S. McGehee School and Wellesley College; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Wellesley, Vick relocated to New York, where she worked for the Associated Press for two years before returning to Louisiana to become active in the New Orleans gubernatorial race of Mayor DeLesseps S. Morrison and;

**WHEREAS**, she advanced the Democratic party in Washington through her work on the vice presidential campaign of Eugene McCarthy, and in New Orleans where she spent eight years as executive assistant to the President of the Louisiana State Senate and created a group called the “Democratic Alliance” that worked to rebuild the Democratic Party following the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Vick served as a member of the Democratic National Committee, served as president of the State Chairs Association, and was the first non-elected official to chair the DNC’s Rules Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, she is recognized for her many years of service in Democratic Party politics including her position as secretary of the Democratic National Committee, beginning in 1989 through the 2000 Democratic Party National Convention and;

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Moore Vick passed away on May 9, 2011, at the age of 72, of a long-illness, and is survived by her husband, Kendall Beck,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Democratic National Committee honor Kathleen Moore Vick for her service to the Democratic Party and for her contributions to our nation and offer its condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia  
Raymond Buckley, Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
Anthony Graves, Colorado  
Ben Jeffers, Colorado  
Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii

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***Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Warren M. Christopher***

**WHEREAS**, Warren Minor Christopher was born in Scranton, North Dakota, on October 27, 1925; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from the University of Southern California while serving in the Navy during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, after the war, Christopher attended Stanford Law School, where he was a founder and the first president of the Stanford Law Review; and

**WHEREAS**, upon graduating from Stanford in 1949, Christopher performed a yearlong clerkship under United States Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, after which he returned to California to join O'Melveny & Meyers, a blue-chip law firm; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 1956, he married Marie Josephine Wyllis, a former schoolteacher; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1958, Christopher was a speechwriter for the successful California gubernatorial campaign of Edmund G. "Pat" Brown where he coined the phrase "responsible liberalism" to describe Brown's approach to social issues and went on to become vice chairman of Governor Brown's commission on the riots in the Watts section of Los Angeles in 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, during the unrest that followed the assassination of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, he coordinated efforts to control disturbances in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1977, Jimmy Carter selected Christopher to serve as deputy secretary of state under Cyrus Vance, where he was the Carter administration's point man in denouncing the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and supporting a U.S. boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow, and also with informing Taiwan that the United States would normalize relations with mainland China; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980, Christopher helped negotiate a settlement to the Iran hostage crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher immersed himself in the hostage negotiations and often traveled back and forth to Algeria, whose government was acting as an intermediary, and

**WHEREAS**, President Carter awarded Christopher the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award; and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher became the 63<sup>rd</sup> United States Secretary of State in 1993 under President Bill Clinton; and

**WHEREAS**, as Secretary of State, Christopher had several key international accomplishments such as accompanying the popularly elected Jean-Bertrand Aristide back to Haiti in 1994 following his restoration to power after an intervention by U.S. troops, acting under a U.N. mandate, signing peace accords between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, preliminary diplomatic groundwork for the expansion of NATO, and an extended nuclear non-proliferation treaty with North Korea; and

**WHEREAS**, it was on his watch as Secretary of State that peace accords were reached in 1995 in Dayton, Ohio, ending a three-year war and ethnic slaughter in Bosnia; and

**WHEREAS**, four years after stepping down as Secretary of State, Christopher, a senior adviser to Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign, returned to the public arena as chief of the team that litigated the results of the Florida recount; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren M. Christopher died March 18, 2011, at the age of 85, at his home in Los Angeles of complications from kidney and bladder cancer,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the DNC honor the life of Warren M. Christopher, and extend its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan  
 Janice Haynes Davis, National Federation of Democratic Women/District of Columbia  
 Ruth Rudy, National Federation of Democratic Women/Pennsylvania  
 Raymond Buckley, Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
 Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia  
 Anthony Graves, Colorado  
 Ben Jeffers, Louisiana

***Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Rilla Moran Woods***

**WHEREAS**, Rilla Moran Woods was born in Defeated Creek Community, Tennessee on September 14, 1924; and

**WHEREAS**, Woods attended Peabody College, University of Tennessee, and University of Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, she began her career as bookkeeper for wholesale plumbing company; and

**WHEREAS**, she was President of the Nashville Credit Women's Group in 1957 and President of the Nashville Business & Professional Women's Club in 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, Woods formed the National Federation of Democratic Women in October of 1971, and was elected Charter President on May 27, 1972, serving in this position until 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, she served on the DNC for many years, was instrumental in the integration of the Davidson County Democratic Women of Tennessee and was the first woman to serve as Director of Public Affairs for the G.S.A., the government housekeeping agency and information center; and

**WHEREAS**, she was appointed chairperson of the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise by President Jimmy Carter and was appointed by Governor Jim Hunt of North Carolina as Motor Fleet Management Division Director in 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, she is survived by her sisters, Elizabeth, Stella, and Sue and other extended family; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2011, Rilla Moran Woods passed away at Alive Hospice Residence after a long and dignified life and career,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Democratic National Committee honor Rilla Moran Woods for her contributions to our party and nation and offer its condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by:           Chip Forrester, Chair, Tennessee  
                              Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia  
                              Raymond Buckley, Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
                              Anthony Graves, Colorado

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***Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Ned McWherter***

**WHEREAS**, Ned McWherter was born in Palmersville, Tennessee, on October 15, 1930, to parents who were sharecroppers on a small farm; and

**WHEREAS**, McWherter, known for his “down-home approach,” in politics and life, began his business career as a shoe-factory worker and eventually borrowed money so that he could open up his own children’s shoe factory; and

**WHEREAS**, McWherter became successful pursuing a wide range of business interests; and

**WHEREAS**, he was married to the late Bette Jean Beck McWherter and has two children, son Michael Ray McWherter and daughter Linda Ramsey; and

**WHEREAS**, he launched his political career in 1968 when he won a seat in the Tennessee House of Representatives and was elected Speaker of the House after serving just two terms in the General Assembly, a position that he would hold for 14 years, breaking a record in Tennessee history; and

**WHEREAS**, McWherter was elected Governor of Tennessee in 1986, with a promise of preserving Tennessee’s values, while promoting a stable economic future; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as Governor for two terms from 1987-1995 and pioneered a number of educational policies throughout Tennessee, such as “The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom,” which increased the number of computers in schools, augmented teacher salaries, reduced class size, and relegated more control to local school boards; and

**WHEREAS**, after serving as Governor, McWherter became a member of the U.S. Postal Board and frequented the campaign trail in support of Democratic candidates such as Gov. Phil Bredesen and Vice President Al Gore; and

**WHEREAS**, McWherter lost a hard-fought battle with cancer and passed away on April 4, 2011, at the age of 80, at Nashville Hospital;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honor the life and career of Ned McWherter for his service to the State of Tennessee and the Democratic Party and extend condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia  
Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California  
Raymond Buckley, Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia  
Anthony Graves, Colorado  
Bob Mulholland, California  
Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii  
Bel Leong-Hong, At-Large/Maryland  
Christine Pelosi, California  
Rosalind Wyman, California

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***Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of Kam Toya Kuwata***

**WHEREAS**, Kam Toya Kuwata was born in the Bay Area on October 1, 1953, and was raised in Sierra Madre by a single mother; and

**WHEREAS**, he had a vested interest in civil rights, as his mother's family had been forced to live in a Japanese internment camp during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, Kuwata attended Pasadena High, where he advocated for greater integration of public schools, and went on to the University of Southern California, where he earned a degree in political science and spent his spare time volunteering for Democratic campaigns and causes; and

**WHEREAS**, he relocated to Washington, D.C. where he joined Democratic Senator Alan Cranston's staff as a mail clerk and rose through the ranks to become a spokesman for Cranston's 1984 presidential campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, two years later, Kuwata emerged as one of California's top campaign strategists; and

**WHEREAS**, Kuwata worked with the campaigns of clients such as California Senator Dianne Feinstein, Hawaii Senator Daniel Akaka, former Los Angeles Mayor James K. Hahn, former Representative Jane Harman, and, most recently, President Obama's 2008 campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, Kuwata is remembered for genuinely kind soul and his rare ability to make a friend in anyone, despite differences of opinion; and

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama remarked, "I was saddened to learn of the passing of my friend Kam Kuwata. Kam's brilliance as a political strategist was matched by his passion for our country and the process by which we govern ourselves," and

**WHEREAS**, Kam Toya Kuwata died in Venice on April 12, 2011, at the age of 57,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the DNC honor the life and career of Kam Toya Kuwata, and extend its condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Jim Frasier, Oklahoma  
Betty McElderry, Oklahoma  
Raymond Buckley, Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
Ed Turlington, At-Large/North Carolina

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***Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Blossom Glorine “Glo” Henley***

**WHEREAS**, Blossom Glorine “Glo” Henley was born on December 8, 1935 in Neshoba, Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, Henley served in the U.S. Army from 1955 until 1959 and in 1977 after raising her four children, she earned a degree from the Oklahoma City University; and

**WHEREAS**, Henley has been a prominent figure in Oklahoma politics for more than 35 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1985, she was named Executive Director of the Oklahoma Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, Henley was appointed Midwest Regional Political Director for the Democratic National Committee under the leadership of Paul Kirk; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1993 until 2000, she served as Democratic national committeewoman from Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1989 to 1991, she served as Chief of Staff to Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor, Robert Kerr; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994, Governor David Walters appointed Henley Secretary of State; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994 and 1995, Henley served as Secretary of State of the State of Oklahoma having been appointed by Oklahoma Governor David Walters; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1995 until 2007, Henley served on the Election Board for the State of Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, Henley served on numerous state and national political campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2011, Blossom Glorine “Glo” Henley passed away at her home surrounded by her family, after her battle with cancer;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee honors Glo Henley for her service to Oklahoma and the Democratic Party and extends its condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Frank Leone, Virginia  
Gaylene Kanoyton, Vice Chair, Virginia  
Raymond Buckley, Vice Chair/New Hampshire  
Anthony Graves, Colorado

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***Resolution Commemorating the Life and Service of W. Raymond Colley***

**WHEREAS**, Ray Colley was born on April 23, 1929 in Dickenson County, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from high school in Grundy, Virginia, he became the first member of his family to attend college, and graduated from Berea College, Kentucky in 1951, where he worked through school as a bellhop and desk clerk at the school's Boone Tavern Inn; and

**WHEREAS**, before moving to Northern Virginia 1955, Colley served as a staff writer for The Roanoke Times, reporting on government and politics; and

**WHEREAS**, he enlisted in the Army during the Korean War and served two years, with subsequent service in the Army Reserves and honorable discharge as a Captain; and

**WHEREAS**, Colley dedicated forty two years of service to the Federal government, including two years in the Executive Branch during President Johnson's Administration as part of the executive assistant's staff of Postmasters General Larry F. O'Brien and Marvin Watson; and

**WHEREAS**, his legislative service began in 1955 when he served for 12 years as administrative assistant to former Congressman W. Pat Jennings of Virginia's "Fightin' Ninth" Congressional District; and he then was administrative assistant and later Deputy Clerk of the United States House of Representatives for approximately 25 years, working for four House Clerks and under five Speakers of the House; and during that period managed legislative, financial, contracting, and administrative operations for the House; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party of Virginia regards Ray Colley as the Father of its Party Plan, as well as one of its staunchest defenders, because he was responsible for rewriting the Plan in accordance with the Democratic Party's principles of fairness, openness, and inclusion; and he always made himself available to all Democrats to explain clearly and help implement its provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, Colley was elected as Second Vice Chair of the Democratic Party of Virginia at its state convention in 1980 and served in that post until his retirement in June 2001, serving under ten State Party Chairs, and continued to participate in party affairs after his retirement, and also

served the founder and chair of the State Central Committee's first standing Committee on Resolutions from 1998-2001; and

**WHEREAS**, he also served as a member of the Democratic National Committee and the Association of State Democratic Chairs during part of his service as Second Vice Chair, often attending meetings, especially those of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, and also represented Virginia at Democratic National Conventions; and

**WHEREAS**, Colley also served as a member of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee and its Steering Committee and as a member of the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Committee and as its Chair, and always joined in grassroots efforts to support Democratic candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray Colley passed away on May 3, 2011 in Fairfax, Virginia following several years of affliction with Alzheimer's Disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party of Virginia honored Ray with a resolutions passed in September 2001 and June 2011 and dedicated its June 2011 Central Committee meeting, held in Blacksburg, Va., to him; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic National Committee wishes to honor W. Raymond ("Ray") Colley of Virginia for his dedicated service to his country as a citizen and a civil servant; and for his devoted work and great expenditures of time, energy, and resources on behalf of the Democratic Party and its programs, objectives and candidates;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honor the life of Ray Colley and offer its condolences to his wife of over 60 years, his college sweetheart, the former Alice Mildred Hook, his two sons, Mark D. Colley and David R. Colley, as well as daughter-in-law Deborah Harsch and granddaughter Arden Colley.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Chris Stampolis, California  
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia  
Patti Higgins, Chair, Alaska  
Alexandra Gallardo Rooker, Vice Chair, California  
Jeanne Buell, Vice Chair, Idaho  
Judy Kennedy, Arizona  
Becca Doten, California  
Robert "Big Red" Rankin, California  
Jean Lemire Dahlman, Montana  
Blanca O'Leary, Colorado  
Christine Pelosi  
Michael Radway, Oregon  
Patrice Arent, Utah  
Sharon Mast, Washington  
Pat Hobbs, National Federation of Democratic Women, California

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***Resolution in Support of Waived Postage to Return Public Election Vote-by-Mail Ballots***

**WHEREAS**, the right to vote in public elections at no direct cost to any registered voter is a fundamental civil right; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of registered voters across the US receive ballots each election in compliance with their jurisdiction's certified vote-by-mail or absentee voting processes; and

**WHEREAS**, most vote-by-mail or absentee voters are required to affix postage to the official ballot return envelope before submitting their votes to be counted, which may place additional burdens on voters and result in ballots not being submitted timely or being submitted later than they otherwise would be cast; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee ask the U.S. Postal Service to work in partnership with Congress and the White House to develop a means such as a national ballot return envelope postage "frank" so voters qualified to cast vote-by-mail ballots may submit their sealed secret ballots through the Post Office at no direct postage cost to voters or to the receiving local election agency.

The following Resolution was adopted by the DNC Executive Committee at its meeting in conjunction with the full DNC meeting in Chicago on September 10, 2011.

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

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***Resolution on the American Jobs Act***

**WHEREAS**, there are too many Americans still looking for work; and

**WHEREAS**, middle class Americans have watched for decades as their economic security has eroded; and

**WHEREAS**, getting Americans back to work and putting more money in the pockets of working families should be the top priority of leaders in Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to address the crisis with the long-term unemployed, especially those who are coming up on the limits of their unemployment benefits, we should extend unemployment benefits for current and long-term jobless workers. This measure would not only spur economic growth, but would also provide a much-needed life-line while we work to create jobs.

**WHEREAS**, rebuilding our roads, bridges, and rails will help spur economic growth and get many more workers back on the job; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama has proposed the American Jobs Act, a set of bipartisan ideas that will help alleviate the economic crisis facing American families and get people back to work;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee calls on Congress to pass immediately the American Jobs Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the American Jobs Act will get more Americans back to work, rebuild our roads, bridges, and rails, keep teachers and first responders on the job, and help returning veterans join the workforce;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, it's time for members of the Republican Party to put the country ahead of political gain and work in good faith with President Obama on proposals that will benefit the American people.

The following resolution was adopted by the DNC Executive Committee at its meeting in conjunction with the meetings of the Democratic National Committee, September 10, 2011.

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

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***Resolution Honoring Charles T. Manatt for His Vision to Establish a Permanent Democratic Headquarters***

**WHEREAS**, Charles T. “Chuck” Manatt served as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 1981 until 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Manatt campaigned on the pledge to build a national headquarters for the Democratic National Committee, the oldest political party in the world, which had never had its own headquarters building; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Manatt included the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in the headquarters as evidence of the plan to more effectively coordinate programs and spending of the three national party committees; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Manatt and the officers of the Democratic National Committee (Peter Kelly, Charles Curry, Lynn Cutler, Polly Baca, Richard Hatcher and Dorothy Bush), DSCC Chair, Lloyd Bentsen, DCCC Chair, Tony Coelho, and broke ground on the first headquarters building owned by the Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, the certificate of occupancy for the Democratic Headquarters was issued on Election Day, November, 1984 by the District of Columbia government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Headquarters was formally dedicated on January 31, 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, because of Chairman Manatt’s dream of a permanent home for the Democratic Party, the Party has been able to continue to support and elect Democrats all over the country; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 22, 2011, Charles T. “Chuck” Manatt passed away after a long illness;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that, to honor the vision and memory of Chairman Manatt, the Democratic National Committee’s third floor be named the Charles “Chuck” Manatt floor and all those who visit will be reminded of his leadership to build a permanent Democratic Party headquarters.

The following Resolution was adopted by the DNC Executive Committee at its meeting in conjunction with the full DNC Meeting in Chicago on September 10, 2011.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia  
Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia  
Alexis Herman, At-Large/Virginia

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***Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Kevin L. Jefferson***

**WHEREAS**, Kevin L. Jefferson was born on August 16, 1959 and grew up in Washington. D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Calvin Coolidge High School, Jefferson attended Bowie State University, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and communications; and

**WHEREAS**, he later received a masters of divinity from Howard University and took additional studies in public policy at Georgetown University; and

**WHEREAS**, while at Bowie State, Jefferson was Editor-in-Chief of the "Spectrum," president of the NAACP Chapter on campus and chief justice of the Student Court; and

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson served as the president of the student government association while he was at Howard School of Divinity; and

**WHEREAS**, he worked in the 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns of the Rev. Jesse Jackson and on President Bill Clinton's 1992 campaign and with worked with local, state, district, national and international political figures; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, he was ordained an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, Jefferson joined the Democratic National Committee (DNC) as director of the Voting Rights Institute and later served as director of the DNC's African American Leadership Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson served on the ministerial staff of Ebenezer AME in Ft. Washington, Maryland, Allen Chapel AME and St. Paul AME in Washington, D.C., before being named pastor at First AME of Alexandria, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, he was named Senior Pastor at Wayman Memorial AME of Baltimore, Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 24, 2011, Kevin Jefferson passed away after a battle with pancreatic cancer;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic National Committee honors Kevin Jefferson for his service to the Democratic Party and extends its condolences to his wife Raneesha Ford and his three daughters.

The following Resolution was adopted by the DNC Executive Committee at its meeting in conjunction with the full DNC Meeting in Chicago on September 10, 2011

Submitted by: Claude “Buddy” Leach, Chair, Louisiana  
Elsie Burkhalter, Vice Chair, Louisiana  
Karen Carter Peterson, Louisiana  
Ben L. Jeffers, Louisiana

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Victor Bussie***

**WHEREAS**, in 1956 Victor Bussie was first elected President of the Louisiana AFL-CIO; and

**WHEREAS**, Victor Bussie was re-elected to that position each year for 41 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Victor Bussie retired in 1997 and was elected President Emeritus for Life of the Louisiana AFL-CIO; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 Victor Bussie received the first Lifetime Achievement Award bestowed by the Louisiana Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, Victor Bussie served by Presidential appointment on the Advisory Board of the U.S. Post Office, National Civil Defense Advisory Council, President's Committee on Mental Health Retardation, and National Defense Executive Reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, Victor Bussie served on numerous other federal, state, and local boards and never accepted a salary or per diem; and

**WHEREAS**, Victor Bussie served in the Naval Air Force from 1943 to 1946; and

**WHEREAS**, he was born January 7, 1919, in Montrose, Louisiana and died Sunday, September 4, 2011;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors the life and career of Victor Bussie.