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Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California
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Yolanda Townsend, Vice Chair, Missouri
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Patricia Waak, Chair, Colorado

Resolution on the Tragedy in Haiti

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010 a 7.0 earthquake and many aftershocks, including one that registered 6.1 on the Richter scale, hit our neighboring nation of Haiti near its capital of Port-au-Prince, causing immense human tragedy beyond the scale of any in recent memory through loss of life, displacement of families, weakening of community support structures, and the separation of children and the infirm or disabled from those caring for them; and

WHEREAS, the people of Haiti, who have already known so much suffering in their lifetimes, have shown tremendous strength and resolve in this time of crisis; and

WHEREAS, the crumbled infrastructure, lack of access to water, food, sanitation, and proper medical treatment compounded the initial tragedy and caused further suffering and loss of human life; and

WHEREAS, rescue workers from the United States and across the globe have accomplished heroic feats to save human lives and have helped to mitigate human suffering in extremely challenging conditions; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Obama the United States has launched one its largest relief efforts in recent history with a USAID contribution of nearly \$165 million to support relief efforts and involving approximately 13,000 U.S. military personnel, including elements of the 82nd Airborne Division and the 82nd Airborne Division and the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, and sending U.S. Coast Guard cutters, the USS Carl Vinson and the Navy's hospital ship, the USS Bataan and the USNS Comfort; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Black Caucus is organizing efforts in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush have shown a great demonstration of leadership in urging Americans to stretch their charitable giving to the limits in helping our neighbors in their darkest hour;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee offers its unwavering support and deepest condolences to the people of Haiti and encourages the continued generosity of Democrats and Americans across the country to relieve their suffering.

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Resolution on President Obama's Accomplishments During His First Year in Office

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama was sworn in as 44th President of the United States of America on January 20, 2009; and

WHEREAS, President Obama inherited the worst economic crisis in a generation, with our country teetering on the edge of another depression and our economy losing an average of 700,000 jobs a month; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Democrats in Congress have taken targeted and necessary steps to stabilize our economy, put our country on the road to recovery, and rebuild a new, stronger foundation for long-term growth; and

WHEREAS, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the most sweeping economic recovery plan in American history and has made historic progress on health insurance reform; and

WHEREAS, President Obama will continue to work with Congress to accelerate job growth through targeted investments that help small businesses grow and hire new workers, continue to modernize our nation's infrastructure, invest in state and local public services, and reward homeowners who invest in energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has called on Congress to continue to fight for real health care reform as part of our effort to build a strong American middle class for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has pledged to continue to work for passage of bipartisan legislation that would restore fairness to the workplace by allowing more American workers to bargain for better wages and benefits; and

WHEREAS, President Obama will continue to work with Congress to forge a new energy policy that will break the United States' dependence on foreign oil, jumpstart our clean energy economy by creating millions of new green jobs and finally address the dangerous carbon pollution that threatens our planet; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has vowed to continue working to reform our financial regulatory system. These reforms will build on the strengths of our structure while correcting its flaws, fix the gaps and weaknesses in our regulations to make the system more fair and help guard against excessive risk taking, and give regulators the tools they need to respond quickly to any future crisis; and

WHEREAS, President Obama is working to reform our education system, so America's students continue to be competitive and are able to succeed in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has taken steps to address our housing crisis and keep people in their homes. Two landmark pieces of legislation have addressed the problems that helped set off our economic crisis: the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act (FERA) gives the federal government more tools to crack down on the kind of fraud that put thousands of hardworking families at risk of losing their homes and the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act expanded on the success of the Making Home Affordable Program, first announced in February 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration took difficult but necessary actions to keep America's financial and automotive sectors from collapsing, which would only have further shocked our economy; and

WHEREAS, President Obama signed comprehensive credit card reform into law. The Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure Act (CARD) will level the playing field by stopping unfair credit card company practices that have been confusing and unfair to American families for far too long; and

WHEREAS, President Obama signed historic tobacco legislation—The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act—that will finally give the FDA broad authority to regulate the manufacturing and marketing of tobacco products, will prevent tobacco companies from marketing to our kids, and do more to protect our kids and improve our public health than any tobacco law in a generation; and

WHEREAS, the President signed a national service bill—the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act—which created hundreds of thousands of opportunities for people to serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, President Obama re-authorized and expanded health insurance to four million more low income children through the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), a bill President Bush vetoed twice; and

WHEREAS, President Obama lifted a ban on federal funding of stem cell research, ensuring that scientific decisions are based on facts, not ideology; and

WHEREAS, during his first few weeks in office President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, finally guaranteeing equal pay for equal work; and

WHEREAS, the President signed a presidential memorandum that will extend key federal benefits to the same-sex partners of Foreign Service and executive branch government employees, a critical step that paves the way for long-overdue progress in our pursuit of equality and a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, President Obama signed into law the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, legislation that will extend new federal protections to people who are victims of violent crime because of their sex or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, President Obama signed the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009, one of the most sweeping pieces of conservation and public land management legislation in years that designates nearly 2 million acres of new wilderness areas; and

WHEREAS, President Obama announced new national emissions and fuel efficiency standards for American cars and light trucks. These standards, for the first time ever, put limits on greenhouse gas emissions and will be combined with fuel economy standards in one single standard; and

WHEREAS, President Obama played a crucial role in brokering the Copenhagen Accord, a critical step in addressing the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, President Obama's appointed Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who has more federal judicial experience than any justice in 100 years, to the Supreme Court. Justice Sotomayor is the first Latina and the third woman to have this honor; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has also taken important steps to restore our alliances and our standing around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration has prohibited torture, and has begun the work of leaving Iraq to its people, outlined a clear strategy to fight al Qaeda in Afghanistan and Pakistan, begun to rebuild our military, and restore our reputation around the world;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) expresses its profound thanks to President Obama for his vision, leadership and commitment to the principles, ideals and success of the Democratic Party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC applauds President Obama and his Administration for their tireless work and sacrifice on behalf of the American people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC wishes President Obama continued success in 2010 and beyond and pledges to communicate our support for his accomplishments and his agenda.

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Patricia Waak, Chair, Colorado

Resolution In Support of President Obama's Economic Recovery Efforts

WHEREAS, eight years of Republicans' failed economic policies and fiscal irresponsibility left the country in the worst economic situation since the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, when President Obama took office in January 2009, our financial markets were in freefall and our economy was shedding 700,000 jobs a month; and

WHEREAS, the aggressive actions taken by the Obama Administration and Democrats in Congress stabilized our financial markets and rescued our economy from the brink of collapse; and

WHEREAS, nearly every Republican in Congress opposed the Recovery Act, which economists surveyed by the New York Times said save the economy from collapse; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, passed by Congressional Democrats and signed into law by President Obama, has funded 2 million jobs and raised GDP by as much as 3.2 percent according to the Congressional Budget Office; and

WHEREAS, the Recovery Act gave 95 percent of working Americans a tax cut, provided \$5 billion of tax relief to small businesses, and has generated more than \$13 billion in new lending to 65,000 small businesses across the country, which have been among the hardest hit by the recession; and

WHEREAS, the Recovery Act has funded thousands of projects around the country – putting Americans to work rebuilding our roads, teaching our children and policing our towns; and

WHEREAS, the Recovery Act has saved us from falling into a second Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, there is still more work to be done to rebuild our economy and get Americans back to work; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and Democrats in Congress have vowed they will not rest until every American who wants to work can find a job;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Democratic National Committee will support President Obama and Congressional Democrats in their continued efforts to create jobs and fuel a strong economic recovery that builds a solid foundation for long term growth.

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Submitted by: Patricia Waak, Chair, Colorado
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Steven K. Alari, California
JoAnne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Sam Lieberman, Chair, Nevada
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Christine Pelosi, California
Karren Pope-Onwukwe, Maryland
Andres Ramirez, At-Large/Nevada
Lee Saunders, At-Large/District of Columbia
Yolanda Townsend, Vice Chair, Missouri

Resolution on Civil Rights for People with Disabilities

WHEREAS, Americans with disabilities are integral to their communities and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee and Democrats across the country are committed to protecting the rights of people with disabilities, defending the rights of Americans with disabilities, and ensuring all individuals are able to participate fully in society and be productive members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Americans with disabilities still face discrimination in the workplace, medical care, and in the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, efforts must be made on the state and federal level to eliminate institutional biases that unfairly discriminate against Americans with disabilities in obtaining long term service and support in programs such as Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, as Democrats we believe that no person with a disability should have to choose between quality health care and the dignity of work; and

WHEREAS, Americans with disabilities should have the resources necessary to succeed in school and beyond; and

WHEREAS, those who give care do not always have the assistance they need to provide quality care; and

WHEREAS, the goals of Democrats should include providing families of children with disabilities, working-age adults with disabilities, and older Americans with a meaningful choice of receiving long-term services and supports in the most integrated setting appropriate to the individual's needs; the greatest possible control over the services received and, therefore, their own lives and futures; and quality services that maximize independence in the home and community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee will support efforts by national disability and aging advocates and encourage others to support efforts to ensure all people have the ability to receive long-term services and support in the community or setting most appropriate to an individual's needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC will encourage and support efforts to vigorously enforce the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC will support efforts to restore dignity to all Americans with disabilities and quality options for long-term care.

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Submitted by: Jess Durfee, California
 Ed Cote, Washington
 Mary Gail Gwaltney, New Mexico
 Aleita Huguenin, California
 Garry S. Shay, California
 Roz Wyman, California

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Patrice Arent, Utah	Sharon Mast, Washington
Jan Bauer, At-Large/Iowa	Lupita Mauer, California
Mike Bell, Vice Chair, Wyoming	Heather R Mizeur, Maryland
Erin Bilbray-Kohn, Nevada	Bob Mulholland, California
Rachel Binah, California	Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii
Jerry N. Brady, Idaho	Blanca O'Leary, Colorado
Gail Bray, Idaho	Christine Pelosi, California
Raymond Buckley, DNC Vice Chair/New Hampshire	John A. Perez, California
Jeanne Buell, Idaho	Leslie Petersen, Chair, Wyoming
Rhett Bullard, Florida	Mike Radway, Oregon
Tonio Burgos, New Jersey	Robert "Big Red" Rankin, California
Alan Clendenin, Florida	R. Keith Roark, Chair, Idaho
Jean Lemire Dahlman, Montana	Alex Rooker, Vice Chair, California
Frank Dixon, Vice Chair, Oregon	Raymond Sanchez, New Mexico
Becca Doten, California	Lee Saunders, At-Large/District of Columbia
JoAnne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire	Barbra Casbar Siperstein, At-Large/New Jersey
Mary Ellen Early, California	Dan Slater, Vice Chair, Colorado
June S. Fischer, New Jersey	Joseph Smallhoover, Democrats Abroad
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia	Meredith Wood Smith, Chair, Oregon
Jay Goyal, At-Large/Ohio	Cindy Spanyers, Alaska
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado	Sam Spencer, Maine
Kamil Hasan, At-Large/California	Rick Stafford, Minnesota
Patti Higgins, Chair, Alaska	Chris Stampolis, California
Pat Hobbs, National Federation of Women	Marianne Stevens, Vice Chair, Maine
Mike Honda, DNC Vice Chair/California	Crystal Strait, Young Democrats, California
Alice Huffman, California	Andrew Tobias, DNC Treasurer/Florida
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana	Christine Trujillo, New Mexico
Matt Johnson, At-Large/California	Keith Umemoto, California
Judy Kennedy, Arizona	Carolyn Warner, Arizona
Wayne Kinney, Oregon	Harriet Young, Vice Chair, Arizona
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Sue Lovell, Texas	
Evan Low, At-Large/California	
David McDonald, Washington	

DNC and OFA Support of State Party Proposition Positions

WHEREAS, a goal of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and all its programs, including Organizing for America (OFA), is to work to ensure communication and coordination with the Democratic Party at the local and state levels; and

WHEREAS, in the 2009 election, OFA used its list to email supporters in several states; in two states—New Jersey and Virginia—supporters were asked to vote for the Democratic gubernatorial candidates; in select other states, emails were sent to supporters reminding them to “Vote on Tuesday;” and these emails did not include recommendations on key ballot measures on which the respective state parties had taken positions; and

WHEREAS, OFA has proven to be an incredible resource that has tapped into the vast pool of volunteers and activists that were inspired and mobilized by President Barack Obama’s 2008 presidential campaign; and

WHEREAS, since many state and local elections include voting on propositions and ballot measures, active support by OFA, where possible, will be a critical factor in securing election outcomes favored by Democrats and such OFA support on propositions, initiatives and ballot measures in 2010 and beyond will be critical to the future success of the Democratic Party in our states and territories;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that OFA will continue to support the efforts of the Democratic Parties at the state and local level in communicating their positions on state issues by the most appropriate method, including sending individuals to state party websites whenever possible.

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Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Christine Pelosi, California
Lee Saunders, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring Charles T. Manatt for His Vision to Build a National Headquarters for the DNC

WHEREAS, Charles T. 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, working with DSCC Chairmen Wendall Ford (KY) and Senator Lloyd Bentsen (TX) and DCCC Chairman Tony Coelho (CA), 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), the Chairmen of the DSCC, Lloyd Bentsen (TX), the Chairman of the DCCC, Tony Coelho, Speaker Tip O'Neill, Senate Leader Robert Byrd, and Pamela Harriman broke ground on the first headquarters building owned by the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party was able to attract the support of Democrats who shared Chairman Manatt's vision and the management skills of Nate Landow and DNC Deputy Chairman Bill Sweeney kept the construction and fund raising programs on schedule in 1983 and 1984; 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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Democratic Headquarters building, the Democratic National Committee honors Charles T. Manatt for his vision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC express its appreciation to Chairman Manatt for his commitment and determination to make the Democratic Headquarters a reality.

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 Anita Bonds, Chair, District of Columbia
 Jay Goyal, At-Large/Ohio
 Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
 Rollie Hicks, Wisconsin
 Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
 Christine Schon Marques, Chair, Democrats Abroad
 June O'Neill, Vice Chair, New York
 Christine Pelosi, California
 Marilyn Piurek, National Democratic Ethnic Coordinating
 Committee/Connecticut
 David Pollak, At-Large/New York
 Lee Saunders, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Susan Turnbull, Chair, Maryland
 Ilir Zherka, National Democratic Ethnic Coordinating Committee/District of
 Columbia

Resolution Urging State Parties to Establish State Ethnic Coordinating Committees

WHEREAS, the National Democratic Ethnic Coordinating Committee (NDECC) was organized in 1994 with the primary purpose of increasing participation of Americans of European and Mediterranean heritage in the Democratic Party by ensuring that their voices are heard with the Party at all levels, and

WHEREAS, the historic base of the Democratic Party had been urban ethnic immigrants, and

WHEREAS, ethnic votes are critical to the winning elections in key districts of New England, the Mid-Atlantic, the Midwest as well as other key congressional districts in the country, and

WHEREAS, organized ethnic communities are among the largest and most effective political groups in the key Democratic states, and

WHEREAS, recognizing that newer immigrant communities are increasingly becoming important to the success of our Party and require an active outreach effort, in 2008 the NDECC expanded its membership to include all heritage groups beyond the European and Mediterranean regions, and

WHEREAS, the key objectives of the NDECC are to restore and exceed the ethnic base vote in key state and elections; heighten the visibility of ethnics as a core constituency of the Democratic Party; ensure that the Democratic Party's message speaks and resonates with ethnics; rebuild the loyalty to the Democratic

Party of traditional Democratic ethnic constituencies; and institutionalize the participation of the ethnic Americans in the Democratic Party;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) coordinate with the NDECC to expand the NDECC to include the participation of key ethnic constituencies nationally and in targeted states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC call on State Chairs and Executive Directors to work with the NDECC in order to convene meetings of ethnic leaders in their states in order to develop and put in place State Ethnic Coordinating Committees that will operate in coordination with State Democratic parties to acknowledge ethnic communities and reinforce their message within ethnic communities; develop a network of ethnic public officials to help focus and communicate the Democratic message on national and state levels; implement a systematic and regular communication program utilizing traditional and non-traditional ethnic media outlets that reach the ethnic communities on both national and state levels; and utilize the schedules of the DNC Chairman and surrogates to acknowledge ethnic communities and reinforce their message amongst ethnic Americans on the national level.

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Submitted by: Jason Rae, Wisconsin
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Martha Love, Wisconsin
Leila Sahar, At-Large/Wisconsin,
Melissa Schroeder, Vice Chair, Wisconsin
Paula Zellner, Wisconsin
Steven K. Alari, California
Jan Bauer, At-Large/Iowa
JoAnne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
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Andres Ramirez, At-Large/Nevada
Lee Saunders, At-Large/District of Columbia
Patricia Waak, Chair, Colorado

Resolution Commending Congress and the President for Recent Legislation on Reproductive Health

WHEREAS, after more than 25 years and more than \$1.5 billion of wasteful spending on ineffective abstinence-only-until-marriage programs, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 is an important step forward in meeting the needs of young people; and

WHEREAS, the bill removes all direct funding for the ideological-based and harmful Community-Based Abstinence Education program and in its place provides a more comprehensive, evidence-based teenage pregnancy prevention program; and

WHEREAS, this bill calls for the creation of the Office of Adolescent Health, which is located under the Secretary of Health and Human Services which is a major step forward in ensuring that the sexual and reproductive health of young people will be monitored by public health professionals; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, the United States Senate passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act by a vote of 57 to 35; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representative passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act by a vote of 221 to 202; and,

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2009, President Obama signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act into law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee applauds the United States Congress and the President of the United States for enacting legislation in the best interest of young people by supporting public health and education policies that are comprehensive and rooted in the best science.

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JoAnne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Ben Jeffers, Louisiana
Jadine Nielsen, Hawaii
Christine Pelosi, California
Lee Saunders, At-Large/District of Columbia
Patricia Waak, Chair, Colorado

Resolution Supporting "Greening" Local Communities with Labor Equity

WHEREAS, reduced energy costs and increased clean energy generation at all levels of the US economy will create sustainable benefits throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, systematic implementation of Energy Efficiency Retrofit Agreements will enhance all levels of buildings from single-family weatherization through larger building reengineering; and

WHEREAS, working people across the nation want the country's political leadership to enact measurable, visible policies that save energy door-to-door in local communities of all sizes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee supports and encourages President Obama's commitment to strengthen the economy through achieving significant reductions in energy consumption and carbon footprints, in tandem with increased energy savings and efficiencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee supports efforts to "green" local communities across the US in a way that lowers energy costs, raises living standards, reduces chronic underemployment and generates good jobs and lifetime construction careers by paying applicable prevailing wage rates.

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Ed Turlington, At-Large/North Carolina
Patricia Waak, Chair, Colorado

Resolution honoring the life of Catherine Eugenia Finnegan Biden

WHEREAS, Catherine Eugenia “Jean” Finnegan Biden was born July 7, 1917 in Scranton, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, in 1941 she married Joseph Robinette Biden, Sr. and they had four children, Joe, Jr., Valerie, James and Francis; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, the Biden Family moved from Scranton to Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Jean Biden, affectionately known as “Mom-Mom”, was a strong-willed woman of unshakeable faith who dedicated her life to her family; and

WHEREAS, she taught her children to be respectful towards others and that failure was inevitable in everyone’s life, but giving up was unforgivable; and

WHEREAS, to family and friends, she was known for being blunt but kind, fiercely independent but sweet and gracious and a giver of advice to all; and

WHEREAS, when her son Joe first ran for the U.S. Senate, Jean Biden worked diligently to support her son’s dreams; and

WHEREAS, when her son Joe accepted the Democratic nomination as Vice President in 2008, a very proud Jean Biden was in the audience; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2008, she voted with her son in Delaware and, later joined the family on stage that night for the victory celebration in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Eugenia Finnegan Biden, the matriarch of the Biden family died January 8, 2010 at the age of 92 and on that day Vice President Joe Biden recalled that she was “the center of our family and taught all of her children that family is to be treasured, loyalty is paramount and faith will guide you through the tough times”; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee express its condolences to the Biden family and pay tribute to her life, her faith, her strong Democratic values and her dedication to her family.

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Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/ District of Columbia
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James Zogby, At-Large/District of Columbia
Jan Bauer, At-Large/Iowa
JoAnne Dowdell, At-Large/New Hampshire
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia
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Christine Pelosi, California
Lee Saunders, At-Large/District of Columbia
Yolanda Townsend, Vice Chair, Missouri
Everett Ward, North Carolina

Resolution Honoring the Life of Percy Ellis Sutton

WHEREAS, Percy Ellis Sutton was born on November 24, 1920, in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, he attended three Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Prairie View A&M, Tuskegee and Hampton University; and

WHEREAS, when World War II began, Mr. Sutton attempted to enlist in Texas but was turned away, later he enlisted in New York and served as an intelligence officer with the Tuskegee Airman, the all-black unit of the Army Air Forces; and

WHEREAS, after the war, he received a degree from the Brooklyn Law School; and

WHEREAS, Percy Ellis Sutton opened a law firm in Harlem in 1953, where he established a reputation as a defender of civil rights activists, including Malcom X; and

WHEREAS, as a 1960's Freedom Rider in non-violent protests against Jim Crow segregation, he was arrested in Mississippi and Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960's Percy Ellis Sutton served as a New York State Assemblyman; and

WHEREAS, from 1966 to 1977 he served as Manhattan Borough President, where he was the highest-ranking African American elected official in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sutton served for two terms as President of the New York branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Mr. Sutton rescued Harlem's Apollo Theater from extinction when he purchased it and began its revival; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Mr. Sutton received the NAACP Springam Medal for outstanding achievement by an African American; and

WHEREAS, he touched the lives of many and devoted a good part of his life to supporting causes that crossed ethnic lines; and

WHEREAS, Percy Ellis Sutton died on December 26 in a Manhattan nursing home at the age of 89;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honor Percy Ellis Sutton for his lifelong dedication to civil rights and offer its condolences to his family.

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Mame Reiley, Virginia
Lee Saunders, At-Large/District of Columbia
Ed Turlington, At-Large/North Carolina
Yolanda Townsend, Vice Chair, Missouri

Resolution Honoring the Life of Smith Bagley

WHEREAS, Smith Bagley was born on April 1, 1935, in New York; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va.; and

WHEREAS, he devoted most of his life to philanthropy and supporting social justice causes; and

WHEREAS, he was president of the ARCA Foundation and founder of the Brenn Foundation in Washington, D.C., which focus on public policy issues such as social justice, human rights, civil rights, D.C. Statehood, civic engagement and the environment; and

WHEREAS, besides his family, friends and Catholic faith, his passion in life was helping the economically disadvantaged, both in the United States and in the developing world; and

WHEREAS, Smith Bagley felt these values were best realized in the Democratic Party, which he joined at the age of 17; and

WHEREAS, this passion and commitment led him to run for Congress from North Carolina in the late 1960's and to serve as the National Finance Vice-Chair of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and a delegate to numerous Democratic Conventions; and

WHEREAS, Smith Bagley and his wife, Ambassador Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, frequently opened their homes in Georgetown and Nantucket for fundraisers on behalf of Democratic Presidential and Senatorial candidates; and

WHEREAS, Smith Bagley died on January 2, 2010 in Bethesda, Md., at the age of 74, after having suffered a stroke on Christmas Eve while vacationing with his family in St. Simons Island, Ga.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the (DNC) honor Smith Bagley for his lifelong dedication to the values of the Democratic Party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC offer its condolences to his wife of 26 years, Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, and his six children.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting in Washington, DC on Feb. 6, 2010.

Submitted by: Evelyn Garcia, Florida
Rhett Bullard, Florida
Jan Bauer, At-Large/Iowa
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Christine Pelosi, California
Lee Saunders, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring the Life of Joan Joseph

WHEREAS, Joan Joseph was a go-to figure for Democratic candidates seeking to build a grass-roots organization in Florida; and

WHEREAS, she worked for Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign in 2000, and was the statewide coordinator of volunteers for John Kerry's 2004 campaign; and

WHEREAS, when Barack Obama launched his presidential bid in early 2007, Mrs. Joseph was a key early organizer in Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Mrs. Joseph was one of Florida's 27 Electoral College members; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Joseph also played a key statewide role in Rod Smith's 2006 bid for governor and was a top adviser for West Palm Beach Mayor Lois Frankel's 2003 and 2007 mayoral campaigns; and

WHEREAS, she grew up in New York and earned a Master's degree in social work from Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, she held jobs working with the mentally disabled and elderly and with the North Shore Animal League in New York; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Joseph also worked on political campaigns in the Empire State, including two of Mario Cuomo's gubernatorial runs and former President Jimmy Carter's 1980 reelection bid; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2009, Joan Joseph passed away from cancer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Joan Joseph for her dedication to the Democratic Party.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting in Washington, DC on Feb. 6, 2010.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair/District of Columbia
Alice Germond, DNC Secretary/West Virginia
Lottie Shackelford, Vice Chair Emeritus/Arkansas
Stella Adams, North Carolina
Willie Barrow, At-Large/Illinois
Anthony E. Graves, Colorado
Alexis Herman, At-Large/Virginia
Tony Hill, Florida
Barbara Lee, California
Minyon Moore, At-Large/District of Columbia
Johnnie Patton, Mississippi
Christine Pelosi, California
Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women
Darryl Sinkfield, Alabama

Resolution in Honor of Black History Month

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Black History month is an opportunity for all Americans to reflect on the rich history and legacy of African Americans and to pay tribute to the historical contributions of African Americans to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Barack Obama became the first African American to become President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in his first year in office, President Obama has governed as he said he would by making tough decisions instead of deferring them, thinking about the long term well being of the country; and

WHEREAS, when President Obama took office, he was greeted with a \$1.3 trillion budget deficit, two expensive and costly wars and frayed global alliances; and

WHEREAS, in his first year in office President Obama has taken bold steps to shore up our financial systems; and for the first time in two years, the economy is growing; American families are beginning to feel the benefits of a recovering stock market and stabilizing home values- helping millions of families to cushion the blow of the recession by extending unemployment benefits to Americans who have lost their jobs and by extending \$250 payments to seniors, veterans and disabled Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has announced that this year's theme is "The History of Black Economic Empowerment," which calls on us to honor the African Americans who overcame injustice and inequality to achieve financial independence and security of self empowerment that comes with it; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) is proud of the strong support it has received from African American voters and elected officers; and

WHEREAS, the DNC is committed to increasing the participation of African Americans in the political process as voters, candidates for public office and appointed to governmental institutions by working with African American elected leaders, community leaders and others to support continued involvement in the electoral arena; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the 45th Anniversary of the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act of America the DNC will also continue its work to protect the right of all Americans to participate in the electoral process by working with the Administration to enforce our nation's civil rights and voting rights laws, encouraging state and local parties to push for electoral reform to give more voters access to the ballot and by ensuring deceptive voting practices are outlawed throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the DNC will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the National Urban League and it's new public service initiative "I AM EMPOWERED" that will focus on education, employment, housing and health care;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors African Americans for their contributions, sacrifice leadership and vision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee will continue to work with African American elected officials, community leaders and others to remove obstacles to full equality, economic empowerment and opportunity for all and with Democratic leaders in the U.S. House, U.S. Senate and Democratic Governors in 2010 to expand the participation and involvement of all minorities and those historically under-represented in the political process.