



In Memorial Resolutions

Proposed by the NHDP Resolutions Committee for Consideration
at the NHDP State Convention on Jun 18th, 2022.

All Resolutions were Unanimously Adopted by the Resolutions Committee

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Hon. Micheal Rollo

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Resolution 1

Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Edwina Elaine Ahearn

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Michael Rollo, Secretary – Merrimack County Democratic Committee

Co-Sponsors: Hon. Caitlin Rollo, NH DP Treasurer

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing Elaine Ahearn

A Resolution related to the honoring of Edwina Elaine Ahearn, offered by Hon. Michael Rollo, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Edwina Elaine Ahearn passed away on September 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Edwina Elaine Ahearn was a member of the NH House of Representatives from Hampton Falls; and

WHEREAS, Edwina Elaine Ahearn in her capacity as a State Representative took on the powerful gun lobby to bring common sense legislation to protect Granite Staters; and

WHEREAS, Edwina Elaine Ahearn loved her community of Hampton Falls and in particular, her 1783 home, Pitlochry Farm; and

WHEREAS, Edwina Elaine Ahearn delighted in meeting many Presidential candidates, opening her home to strangers and friends who volunteered to canvas for Democratic candidates, and as well as for candidates to speak to supporters;

WHEREAS, Edwina Elaine Ahearn was a talented interior decorator and a gracious and gregarious host ;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State

Convention hereby grant Edwina Elaine Ahearn the highest praise and accolades for her

dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, her community, and her commitment to public health and social justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to

her family.

Resolution 2

Topic: A Resolution Honoring John Amrol, Jr.

Primary Sponsor: Alan Raff on Behalf of the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: May 9, 2022

Memorializing John Amrol, Jr.

A Resolution related to the honoring of John Amrol, Jr., for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18th, 2022.

WHEREAS, John Amrol, Jr. passed away in December of 2021; and

WHEREAS, John Amrol, Jr. was a dedicated member of the New Hampshire Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, John Amrol, Jr. worked for the State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation, Highway Road Design for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, John Amrol, Jr. was a long-time member of the New Hampshire AFL-CIO, retiring as Executive Vice President; and

WHEREAS, John Amrol, Jr. served as President of the New Hampshire State Employees Association, SEIU Local 1984 from 1991 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, John Amrol, Jr. was a member of American Legion Post 21, for twenty-six years; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant John Amrol, Jr. the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his brothers and sisters in organized labor, his faith, New Hampshire working families, and the Hooksett community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Amrol family.

Resolution 3

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Carole Appel

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Michael Rollo, Secretary – Merrimack County Democratic Committee

Co-Sponsors: Hon. Caitlin Rollo, NHDP Treasurer and former Chair, Strafford County Democratic Committee

Date Submitted: May 3, 2022

Memorializing Carole Appel

A Resolution related to the honoring of Carole Appel, offered by Hon. Michael Rollo, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Carole Appel passed away on November 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Carole Appel was born in Philadelphia PA, and was educated at Temple University and the University of Michigan, before settling into an academic life; and

WHEREAS, Carole Appel met her future husband Kenneth Appel while both graduate students at Michigan, before settling into life at the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Carole Appel spent twenty years as an editor at the University of Illinois Press, where she published books, managed academic journals and developed the Women's Studies program for the Press, and where she began her 60 year involvement with the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Carole Appel In 1993, she and Kenneth retired from their University of Illinois jobs and moved to Dover, N.H., where Carole became the chair of the Strafford County Democrats, helping to recruit and support candidates for state and local office, and entirely reinvigorating the Strafford County Democratic Committee; and

WHEREAS, Carole Appel was actively involved in the campaigns of Democratic candidates for president, including Bill Clinton, Al Gore, John Kerry and Barack Obama: and

WHEREAS, Carole Appel was also active in the National Organization for Women and the NAACP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic Party hereby grant Carole Appel the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, her community, and her commitment to social justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Appel family.

Resolution 4

Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Elizabeth Blanchard

Primary Sponsor: Michael Rollo, Secretary – Merrimack County Democratic Committee

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing Elizabeth Blanchard

A Resolution related to the honoring of Elizabeth Blanchard, offered by Michael Rollo, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Blanchard passed away on August 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Blanchard served her city of Concord as a State Representative from Penacook; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Blanchard in her capacity as a State Representative was also a staunch advocate for at-risk children; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Blanchard Penacook as a City Councilor and as a member of the Merrimack Valley School Board; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Blanchard served the people of Merrimack County as a County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Blanchard was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and foster mother;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic Party hereby grant Elizabeth Blanchard the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, her community, and her commitment to child welfare; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to her family.

Resolution 5

Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Paula Bradley

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Michael Rollo, Secretary – Merrimack County Democratic Committee

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Bette Lasky

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing Paula Bradley

A Resolution related to the honoring of the Honorable Paula Bradley, offered by Hon. Michael Rollo, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Paula Bradley passed away on August 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Paula Bradley served her beloved Randolph and the city of Concord as a State Representative for four terms; and

WHEREAS, Paula Bradley was dedicated educator, teaching Spanish at the high school and collegiate level; and

WHEREAS, Paula Bradley was a professional staff member for Majority Leader Joe Lieberman of the Connecticut State Senate, remaining lifelong friends through his subsequent career in the U.S. Senate and his nomination in 2000 as Vice President; and

WHEREAS, Paula Bradley took immense pride in her election to the legislature and Democratic politics; and

WHEREAS, Paula Bradley and her husband Bill helped to make their adopted New Hampshire a better place for working families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Paula Bradley the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, her community, and her commitment to public health and social justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to her family.

Resolution 6

Topic: A Resolution honoring Carol T. Burney

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Raymond Buckley

Date Submitted: May 5, 2022

Memorializing Carol T. Burney

A Resolution related to the honoring of Carol T. Burney offered by the Hon. Raymond Buckley, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Carol T. Burney passed away December 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Carol T. Burney represented Concord in the state legislature for three terms; and

WHEREAS, Carol T. Burney was an active Democrat on the local, state and national level spending endless hours volunteering for the party and candidates, and

WHEREAS, Carol T. Burney dedicated her life to the education of children; and

WHEREAS Carol T. Burney taught in public schools for nearly 30 years, 25 years at the Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook, and d

WHEREAS, Carol T. Burney left two sons and two grandchildren, she will be remembered as a devoted and loving mother, sister, friend and colleague.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Carol T. Burney the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, and his commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Burney family.

Resolution 7

Topic: A Resolution Honoring William Cashin

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Bette Lasky on Behalf of the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing William Cashin

A Resolution related to the honoring of William Cashin, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, William Bernard Cashin, 85, passed away peacefully at home, on April 22nd, 2021; and

WHEREAS, William Cashin A true “West-Sider”, Bill was raised and resided on Winter Street his entire life, having owned and moved three times on the same block. He and his wife, Esther J. (Trask) Cashin finally settled at 151 Winter Street where they enjoyed hosting their sons’ families for holidays and pool parties for many years; and

WHEREAS, William Cashin served his country in the Army National Guard from 1953 through 1962 with active duty at Fort Bragg, NC in 1961. He was honorably discharged in 1962; and

WHEREAS, William Cashin truly understood and often mentioned that “all politics is local” and networked well with ward level city officials; and

WHEREAS, William Cashin was encouraged by his close circle of friends to further his interest in representing them with a run for a seat on the board of Mayor and Alderman. In 1970 Bill was elected to his first term and for the next 32 years never lost an election, earning him the nickname – The Dean. He loved being an alderman and advocating for the people he represented. He worked tirelessly on causes that mattered to him including education, senior housing, and sensitive urban redevelopment; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant William Cashin the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to his state and his community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to his family.

Resolution 8

Topic: A Resolution honoring Sen. Norman Champagne

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Raymond Buckley

Date Submitted: May 5, 2022

Memorializing Norman Champagne

A Resolution related to the honoring of Sen. Norman Champagne offered by the Hon. Raymond Buckley, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Norman Champagne passed away July 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Norman Champagne represented Manchester's west side in the state senate for three terms, serving as Senate Democratic Leader for one term; and

WHEREAS, Norman Champagne was appointed a Manchester District Court judge serving 28 until his mandatory retirement in 2011, and

WHEREAS, Norman Champagne served as a member of the NH Democratic State Committee, and

WHEREAS, Norman Champagne was married to his wife Jocelyne Champagne for 57 years, had three daughters and seven grandchildren,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Norman Champagne the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, and his commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Champagne family.

Resolution 9

Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Claire Clarke

Primary Sponsor: Kris Mueller, Chair-Merrimack County Democrats

Co-Sponsors: John Hattan, Vice Chair- Merrimack County Democrats, and Hon. Michael Rollo,

Secretary-Merrimack County Democrats, Hon. Lori Carey of Boscawen

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing Claire Clarke

A Resolution related to the honoring of Claire Clarke, offered by Kris Mueller et al, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Claire Clarke passed away on January 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Claire Clarke served for 33 years as a Counselor at Winnisquam Regional School District, tirelessly working to make a difference in countless children's lives; and

WHEREAS, Claire Clarke served her community of Boscawen first as a member of the Merrimack Valley School Board for 15 years and as a State Representative for five terms; and

WHEREAS, Claire Clarke was an active member of the Boscawen Congregational Church where she sang in the choir; and

WHEREAS, Claire Clarke a strong pioneer for women and children of color in remote areas and of all economic classes; and

WHEREAS, Claire Clarke took immense pride in her family, and will be missed by many in her community; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Claire Clarke the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, her community, and her commitment to public education and social justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to The Clarke family.

Resolution 10

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Hiram Connell

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Bette Lasky on Behalf of the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing Hiram Connell

A Resolution related to the honoring of Hiram Connell for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Hiram Connell of Somersworth died peacefully at home with his wife, Helen A. Connell, at his side on March 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Hiram Connell Hiram was born in Manchester, NH, went to North Andover High School in MA, and received a BS in Physics and Math at Lowell Technological Institute; and

WHEREAS, Hiram Connell hobbies were mountain and rock climbing with the AMC, sailing and traveling as described in his book Travels With Yeti; and

WHEREAS, Hiram Connell Working with other locals, he established "The Democracy Factory" to support all democratic candidates; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Hiram Connell the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to his state and his community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to his family.

Resolution 11

Topic: Memorializing Robert “Renny” Cushing of Hampton

Primary Sponsor: Minority Leader David Cote

Co-Sponsors: Senator Donna Soucy, Representative Mary Jane Walner, Representative Steve Shurtleff, The Officers of the NHDP, House Democratic Office Staff Daniel Mason, Rachel Cole, and Slate Goodwin

Date Submitted: May 6th, 2022

Memorializing Robert “Renny” Cushing of Hampton

A Resolution related to the honoring of Representative Robert “Renny” Cushing, for consideration by Minority Leader, Representative David Cote, to the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, we have learned with great sorrow of the passing of our colleague and friend, Robert Renny Cushing, who was serving his eighth term as a State Representative, representing the citizens of Rockingham District 21, the town of Hampton; and

WHEREAS, Renny Cushing was an advocate and activist who began a campaign for change at the age of fifteen in this very chamber, he knew that time and persistence would ultimately bring change; and

WHEREAS, a citizen of the world, Renny Cushing hauled trash in Atlanta, mined in Canada, picked fruit in Florida and California, and protested for causes he believed in, eventually serving as Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee where he led compassionately and with justice in mind; and

WHEREAS, a trusted leader in this institution, Renny Cushing sought to celebrate this State House with its bicentennial, work to include portraits of deserving women on the walls, and leave it in a better place than he found it; and

WHEREAS, Renny Cushing was beloved by his House Democratic Staff who worked with him daily throughout his battle with cancer, while he served as the leader of the largest minority caucus in state history, and

WHEREAS, when Renny spoke, changing hearts and minds on issues he was passionate about, he spoke beyond just his caucus, but to the whole House; and

WHEREAS, after over 30+ years of pursuing justice and relentlessly advocating among his own party, across the aisle, and in neighborhoods and communities across the state, Renny finally repealed New Hampshire’s death penalty statute in 2019, and

WHEREAS, above all, Renny Cushing was a devoted family man, who cherished his time with his wife Kristie, and loving daughters Marie, Elizabeth, and Grace, and was surrounded by them and their love through his illness; now; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Robert Renny Cushing be granted the highest praise and accolades and our profound thanks for his service to the state, and the town he called home all his life, and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that expressions of our most heartfelt sympathy be extended to his family, friends, and all those who he held close.

Resolution 12

Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable JoEllen Orcutt D'Ambroso

Primary Sponsor: Alan Raff on Behalf of the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: May 9, 2022

Memorializing JoEllen Orcutt D'Ambroso

A Resolution related to the honoring of the Honorable JoEllen Orcutt D'Ambroso, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18th, 2022.

WHEREAS, JoEllen Orcutt D'Ambroso passed away in June of 2021; and

WHEREAS, JoEllen Orcutt D'Ambroso was a long-time member of the New Hampshire Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, JoEllen Orcutt D'Ambroso served in the New Hampshire House of Representatives for four terms, representing the town of Goffstown; and

WHEREAS, JoEllen Orcutt D'Ambroso served ten years as Executive Director of the New Hampshire Judicial Council; and

WHEREAS, JoEllen Orcutt D'Ambroso was a dedicated civil rights advocate and active member of the NHCLU and the NAACP; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant JoEllen Orcutt D'Ambroso the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, justice, voting rights, and community organizing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Orcutt D'Ambroso family.

Resolution 13

Topic: A Resolution honoring Marlene DeChane

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Raymond Buckley

Co-Sponsors: Hon. Micheal Rollo, Sen. Bette Lasky

Date Submitted: May 5, 2022

Memorializing Marlene DeChane

A Resolution related to the honoring of Marlene DeChane offered by Hon. Raymond Buckley, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Marlene DeChane passed away September 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Marledne DeChane served four terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, Marlene DeChane had the distinction of being the first out lesbian elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, Marlene DeChane was the Democratic Nominee for State Senate in district six, and

WHEREAS, Marlene DeChane worked tirelessly for the advancement of New Hampshire's LGBTQ community and was particularly proud of her work passing the Civil Union's law then full marriage equality two years later; and

WHEREAS, Marlene DeChane was instrumental in the political careers of Dana Hilliard and Rick Trombly, and

WHEREAS, Marlene DeChane served as a member of the NH Democratic State Committee, and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Marlene DeChane the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, and her commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the DeChane family.

Resolution 14

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Cora Der Koorkanian

Primary Sponsor: Alan Raff

Co-Sponsors: Ashley Marcoux, Senator Donna Soucy, Hon. Michael Rollo, and Hon. Caitlin Rollo

Date Submitted: May 9, 2022

Memorializing Cora Der Koorkanian

A Resolution related to the honoring of Cora Der Koorkanian, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18th, 2022.

WHEREAS, Cora Der Koorkanian passed away in November of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Cora Der Koorkanian was an active and long-time member of the Manchester Democratic community; and

WHEREAS, Cora Der Koorkanian survived the Holocaust, and went on to graduate from Tel HaShomer Military school and Nursing, before working as an RN in pediatrics in Israel, a biomedical and reproductive health researcher in Brazil, and an interpreter for hospitals, the court and immigration systems, child and family services, and adoption organizations (she spoke Romanian, Portuguese, Hebrew, French, Spanish, and English) in New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Cora Der Koorkanian served as an employee for the Pan American Health Organization, in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Cora Der Koorkanian and her husband, George Der Koorkanian dedicated their lives to public service around the world (in such places as Thailand and Germany); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Cora Der Koorkanian the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, social justice, immigrants' rights, refugee advocacy, reproductive health rights, her faith, and the Manchester community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Koorkanian and Saunders families.

Resolution 15

Topic: Honoring John DiStaso

Primary Sponsor: NHDP Chair Ray Buckley

Co-Sponsors: Monica Venzke, Gates MacPherson, Colin Booth, David Pourshoushtari

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

A Resolution related to the honoring of John DiStaso, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18th, 2022.

Honoring John DiStaso

WHEREAS, John DiStaso was an legendary political reporter in New Hampshire for over 40 years and was a giant in all things involving New Hampshire politics, particularly in covering the First-in-the-Nation presidential primary,

WHEREAS, he has left a mark on the news world as a whole, with the New York Times crediting John DiStaso for being the first reporter to use and popularize the acronym RINO (“Republican in Name Only”), which is now a staple in political discussion,

WHEREAS, for the last 40 years, anyone wanting to be president of the United States would have to face John DiStaso first,

WHEREAS, John DiStaso’s reputation as a tough, but fair questioner who didn’t let candidates or elected officials of either party off the hook earned him universal acclaim for his journalism by both Democratic and Republican politicians and operatives,

WHEREAS, his absence will leave a great hole in the political world in New Hampshire and throughout the nation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The New Hampshire Democratic Party honors John DiStaso’s legacy and immense service to New Hampshire.

Resolution 16

Topic: Resolution honoring the Honorable Thomas E. Donovan

Sponsored by: Sullivan County Democrats

Co-Sponsored: Rep. John Cloutier, Hon. Virginia O'Brien Irwin, and Hon. Michael Rollo

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

A Resolution related to the honoring of the Honorable Thomas E. Donovan, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18th, 2022.

Thomas E. Donovan Oct 27, 1946 to Dec 8, 2020

WHEREAS Thomas E. Donovan of Claremont NH, had previously served his county in the US Army, and,

WHEREAS Tom spent his professional career in the service of others as a fierce champion of justice and as an unwavering advocate for the poor and disenfranchised, and,

Whereas Tom spent seven terms in the NH House of Representatives representing the citizens of Claremont, and,

WHEREAS he served six terms on the Health and Human Services Committee including one term as Vice Chairman, and,

WHEREAS Tom's efforts resulted in significant changes in legislation promoting better access for hundreds of New Hampshire citizens,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Hampshire Democratic Party recognizes Hon. Thomas E. Donovan as a Champion of Social Justice who represented the values of the Democratic Party

Resolution 17

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Thomas Fagan

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Mike Rollo, Secretary – Merrimack County Democratic Committee

Date Submitted: May 3, 2022

Memorializing Thomas Fagan

A Resolution related to the honoring of Thomas Fagan, offered by Hon. Michael Rollo, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Thomas Fagan passed away on May 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fagan was the Chair of the Bow Democratic Committee for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fagan was honored to serve the Town of Bow in various capacities, including the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board, Library Trustee, and as a Poll worker where he loved connecting with his community on election days; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fagan for 25 years was employed by American International Group in Manchester before retiring in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fagan was known for his Irish charm and wit. He loved to make people laugh. Devoted to his family, he loved jazz, crosswords, ice cream and all things chocolate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Willard “Bud” Martin the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, his community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Fagan family.

Resolution 18

Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Janet Fortnam

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Michael Rollo, Secretary – Merrimack County Democratic Committee

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing Hon. Janet Fortnam

A Resolution related to the honoring of the Honorable Janet Fortnam, offered by Hon. Michael Rollo, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Janet Fortnam passed away on February 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Janet Fortnam served her community of Pembroke as a State Representative; and

WHEREAS, Janet Fortnam was a dedicated educator, serving as a special education reading teacher; and

WHEREAS, Janet Fortnam loved to square dance, eventually marrying her square dancing partner, Robert Fortnam; and

WHEREAS, Janet Fortnam was Chapter Regent in the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Janet Fortnam was a founder and Queen Mother of the Pembroke Red Hatters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Janet Fortnam the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, her community, and her commitment to public health and social justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to her family.

Resolution 19

Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Barbara Conner French

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Michael Rollo, Secretary – Merrimack County Democratic Committee

Co-Sponsors: Eileen Kelly, of Bradford, Hon. Beth Rodd, of Bradford, Sen. Bette Lasky

Date Submitted: May 3, 2022

Memorializing Barbara Conner French

A Resolution related to the honoring of the Honorable Barbara Conner French, offered by Michael Rollo, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Barbara Conner French passed away on April 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Conner French was a school nurse in the Concord School District; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Conner French in her capacity as a school nurse, was instrumental in breaking down barriers for children with chronic conditions and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Conner French served her community of Henniker as a member of the Planning Board, Peace Committee, and as a State Representative; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Conner French served as a public health advocate on the NH AIDS Consortium, NH Nurses Association, Primary Prevention and Wellness Council, and Osteoporosis Education Prevention Council: and

WHEREAS, Barbara Conner French was an All Around Force of Nature;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Barbara Conner French the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, her community, and her commitment to public health and social justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to her family.

Resolution 20

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Caroline French

Primary Sponsor: Michael Rollo, Secretary – Merrimack County Democratic Committee

Co-Sponsors: Hon. Caitlin Rollo, NHDP Treasurer and former Chair, Strafford County Democratic Committee, Salme Perry, Chair, Rollinsford Democrats, and Lorraine Hanson, Strafford County At-Large
Date Submitted: May 3, 2022

Memorializing Caroline French

A Resolution related to the honoring of Caroline French, offered by Michael Rollo, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Caroline French passed away on April 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Caroline French was a force of nature. A generous, opinionated, self-sufficient woman who was fiercely loyal to her beliefs and her beloved Boston Red Sox; and

WHEREAS, Caroline French grew up in the family antiques business and was an excellent connoisseur of art and antiques; and

WHEREAS, Caroline French was passionate about politics, and was often the driving force behind visibilities, canvasses, phone and mail campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Caroline was an excellent organizer who worked with the Dover Democrats for years and served as a member of the executive board of the Strafford County Democratic Committee, and was an original member of the Strafford County messaging committee, which developed the “Thank Democrats” bumper sticker campaign; and

WHEREAS, Caroline French was actively involved in the campaigns of Democratic candidates for president, including Howard Dean, Barack Obama, and Bernie Sanders: and

WHEREAS, Caroline French was a tireless worker for Representative Carol Shea-Porter over many elections, and a driving force behind Rep. Shea-Porter’s success; and

WHEREAS, Caroline French was a tireless advocate for many causes, including, racial justice, having attended as a UNH student, the famous March for Jobs and Freedom in Washington to hear Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, for reproductive freedom, and ending childhood hunger;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State

Convention hereby grant Caroline French the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, her community, and her commitment to social and economic justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to her family.

Resolution 21

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Sylvia Elizabeth Gale

Primary Sponsor: Nashua Democratic City Committee

Date: May 6th, 2022

Memorializing Sylvia Elizabeth Gale

A resolution related to the honoring of Sylvia Elizabeth Gale offered by the Nashua Democratic City Committee for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party

WHEREAS, Sylvia Elizabeth Gale passed away on July 18, 2020 and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Elizabeth Gale graduated from the University of New Hampshire and Antioch NE Graduate School, working for over 35 years at DCYF as a child sexual abuse investigator, making the protection of children a lifelong effort;

WHEREAS, Sylvia Elizabeth Gale devoted much of her life to human rights and feminist causes, focusing on helping Nashua and New Hampshire become a beacon for equal rights and justice for all residents;

WHEREAS, Sylvia Elizabeth Gale served in many capacities, convening the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women, advocating for NOW and the ERA, serving as a New Hampshire state legislator, and as a supporter of the League of Women Voters;

WHEREAS, Sylvia Elizabeth Gale was a longtime member of the Democratic Party, a voice for progressive values, and a strong supporter of Senator Bernie Sanders;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic Party grant Sylvia Elizabeth Gale the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to equal rights and the Democratic Party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to Sylvia Elizabeth Gale's family.

Resolution 22

Topic: Memorializing Ethel Bulcroft Hubert

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Bette Lasky on Behalf of the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing Ethel Bulcroft Hubert

A Resolution related to the honoring of Ethel Bulcroft Hubert, offered by Rep. Dru Fox for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18th.

WHEREAS, Ethel Bulcroft Hubert passed away on December 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Bulcroft Hubert was a resident of Salem, New Hampshire for 75 years; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Bulcroft Hubert was a long-time activist for the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Bulcroft Hubert was a member of St. Joseph Church in Salem and the Catholic Daughter's Sodality; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Bulcroft Hubert was a lover of sewing, knitting, cooking, playing the piano, and spending time with her family; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Bulcroft Hubert was a dedicated mother to 8 children, grandmother to 18 and great grandmother to 26; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Ethel Bulcroft Hubert the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, her community, and her commitment to social justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Bulcroft Hubert family.

Resolution 23

Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Harold Janeway

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Bette Lasky on Behalf of the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing the Honorable Harold Janeway

A Resolution related to the honoring of the Honorable Harold Janeway, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Harold Janeway passed away on August 20th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Harold Janeway Widely admired for his evenhanded temper and skillfully deployed wit, Harold served as Webster's Town Moderator for 23 years and Senator for District 7 for two terms; and

WHEREAS, Harold Janeway formed White Mountain Investment in Concord, where his sober long-term perspective protected his clients from manias and panics; and

WHEREAS, Harold Janeway Harold retired from the investment management business in 2006 and ran for the state Senate. Unusual among successful candidates for office in New Hampshire, Harold refused to "take the pledge" that he would never vote for an income or sales tax; and

WHEREAS, Harold Janeway supported the civil unions bill in 2007, and in his second term worked hard to persuade wavering senators to vote for full marriage equality. Harold was proud that New Hampshire became the first state to extend marriage to gays and lesbians through the democratic process instead of by court order; and

WHEREAS, Harold Janeway worked closely with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation as a board member, investment committee chair, and dependable volunteer on numerous projects. He played a leading role launching the Red River Theater and raising funds, often by example, to support it. He and Betsy were committed supporters of PFLAG-NH, the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union, and Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. Harold kept much of this quiet, and he and Betsy were supporters to many others. Into his 80s Harold and Betsy made maple syrup on their farm in Webster.; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Harold Janeway the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to his state and his community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to his family.

Resolution 24

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Sheldon Krasker

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Michael Rollo

Date Submitted: May 3, 2022

Memorializing Sheldon Krasker

A Resolution related to the honoring of Sheldon Krasker, offered by Hon. Michael Rollo, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Sheldon Krasker passed away on January 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sheldon Krasker was born and raised in Portsmouth, NH; and

WHEREAS, Sheldon Krasker was a graduate of Portsmouth High School, Class of 1943, and a veteran of the United States Army.; and

WHEREAS, Sheldon Krasker upon his discharge from the Army, Shel returned to Portsmouth and attended the University of New Hampshire, and for fifty years was a principal and partner of the former Portsmouth Paper Company; and

WHEREAS, Sheldon Krasker was a director of the NE Paper Merchants Association, a former member of the Boston Trade Association, a director of the former Portsmouth Cooperative Bank, and a director of Camp Gundalow YMCA. He was also a 50-year member of the Portsmouth Country Club, a 50-year member of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56 F & AM in Portsmouth, a member of Bektash Temple Shrine in Concord, a Charter member of the William Pitt Tavern Lodge No. 1759 in Portsmouth, and a member and director of Temple Israel in Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS, Sheldon Krasker was married to former State Senator Elaine Krasker for 73 blissful years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Sheldon Krasker the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, his community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Krasker family.

Resolution 25

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Martin “Marty” Laferte

Primary Sponsor: Emmanuel “Manny” Krasner, At Large Member Farmington Democratic Committee

Co-sponsors: Stanley Freeda, Chairperson, Farmington Democratic Committee

Date submitted: May 5, 2022

Memorializing the late Martin Laferte

A resolution related to honoring Martin Laferte submitted by Emmanuel Krasner for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party at the 2022 State Party Convention.

WHEREAS: Martin Laferte passed away at his home on June 11, 2020: and

WHEREAS: Martin Laferte and his wife Bille Laferte were strong, consistent supporters of the Farmington Democratic party and the State and National Parties: and

WHEREAS: Martin Laferte often introduced himself at events by saying “I have never voted for a Republican in my life”; and,

WHEREAS: Martin Laferte served the Town of Farmington by serving on local boards and committees dedicated to improving the Town;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grants Martin Laferte the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, his community and his commitment to social justice, and his commitment to civic participation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to his widow Billie Laferte.

Resolution 26

Topic: Memorializing Representative Douglas Ley

Primary Sponsor: Representative Steve Shurtleff

Co-Sponsors: Senator Donna Soucy, Representative Mary Jane Walner, Representative David Cote, The Officers of the NHDP, AFT Vice-President Ryan Richman, House Democratic Office Staff Daniel Mason, and Rachel Cole

Date Submitted: May 6th, 2022

Memorializing Representative Douglas Ley

A Resolution related to the honoring of Representative Douglas Ley, by Representative Steven Shurtleff, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Douglas A. Ley, who was serving his fifth term as a State Representative, representing the citizens of Cheshire County District 9, the towns of Dublin, Harrisville, Jaffrey, and Roxbury; and,

WHEREAS, a former House Majority Leader, Doug Ley was a dedicated labor leader, serving three terms on the House Labor, Industrial, and Rehabilitative Services Committee, and at the time of his death was serving as President of the New Hampshire Chapter of the American Federation of Teachers; and,

WHEREAS, Doug was beloved by his House Democratic Staff to whom he became a cherished mentor and friend, even after his term as Majority Leader was completed; and

WHEREAS, a continuing student of history, Professor Doug Ley left an enduring legacy of teaching and learning on the hearts and minds of thousands of students over a thirty-year career at Franklin Pierce University; and,

WHEREAS, an adventurer, Doug Ley enjoyed epic road trips, visiting as many breweries as possible, or Fenway Park and the Garden to cheer on his beloved Sox and Bruins; and,

WHEREAS, above all, Doug Ley was a devoted family man, who cherished his time with his wife Mary, and sons Ethan and Isaac, and was surrounded by them and their love through his short illness; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Douglas A. Ley be granted the highest praise and accolades and our profound thanks for his service to the state, and the town he called home for many years, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that expressions of our most heartfelt sympathy be extended to his family, friends, and all those who he held close.

Resolution 27

Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Sid Lovett

Primary Sponsor: Alan Raff on Behalf of the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: May 9, 2022

Memorializing Sid Lovett

A Resolution related to the honoring of the Honorable Sid Lovett, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18th, 2022.

WHEREAS, Sid Lovett passed away in October of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Sid Lovett served five terms as a New Hampshire State Representative; and

WHEREAS, Sid Lovett served as the first chair of the New Hampshire Lakes Association; and

WHEREAS, Sid Lovett served as the chair of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Sid Lovett was dedicated to the history of New Hampshire, having served as chair of the Holderness Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Sid Lovett was nominated by the President of the United States, to the inaugural board of the United States Institute for Peace, where he served from 1985-1991; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Sid Lovett the highest praise for his dedication to peace, politics, the environment, and his New Hampshire community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Lovett family.

Resolution 28

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Willard “Bud” Martin

Primary Sponsor: Lynn Thomas, Chair – Belknap County Democratic Committee

Date Submitted: May 3, 2022

Memorializing Willard “Bud” Martin

A Resolution related to the honoring of Willard “Bud” Martin, offered by Lynn Thomas, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Willard “Bud” Martin passed away on April 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Willard “Bud” Martin was born in Boston MA, and educated in Laconia schools; and

WHEREAS, Willard “Bud” Martin spent a long and distinguished career as an attorney, and later as a

District Court Judge where he was recognized as a champion of children in his community, going so far as wearing, and giving away multiple Mickey Mouse watches to children in need; and

WHEREAS, Willard “Bud” Martin was even after he was required to retire from the court at age 70, he immediately applied and became a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer so that he could continue his advocacy for children; and

WHEREAS, Willard “Bud” Martin when he was not acting in his capacity as a judge or attorney, Bud dedicated his services to many organizations including: Board of Selectman for the Town of Sandwich (2009-2018), Sandwich Planning Board (1989-2008), Salvation Army Advisory Board, Child and Family Services, Carroll County Coalition for Public Health, Carroll County United, Partners in Prevention, Neighbors in Need, the New Hampshire Bar Association, and University of New Hampshire Law School, and twice as the Democratic nominee for State Senate District 3;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Willard “Bud” Martin the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, his community, and his commitment to the well being of New Hampshire’s children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Martin family.

Resolution 29

Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Paul McEachern

Primary Sponsor: Judy Reardon, Manchester

Date Submitted: May 3, 2022

Memorializing Honorable Paul McEachern

A Resolution related to the honoring of Paul McEachern, offered by Judy Reardon, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Paul McEachern passed away on August 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Paul McEachern was born and raised in the City of Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS, Paul heeded his parents' advice to better himself through education and put himself through college and law school with house painting and the G.I. Bill; and

WHEREAS, Paul was first elected to public office as a young Navy veteran while at the University of New Hampshire, serving in the New Hampshire Legislature, a seat he would return to later in life; and

WHEREAS, Paul served as city councilman and assistant mayor for the City of Portsmouth and was instrumental in establishing the Prescott Park Arts Festival;

WHEREAS, Paul was a lifelong member of the Democratic Party he served as legal counsel to Governor Hugh Gallen, and was twice the nominee himself for Governor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Paul McEachern the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, his community, and his commitment to justice for people of all creeds, colors and orientations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the McEachern family.

Resolution 30

Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Cynthia McGovern

Primary Sponsor: Alan Raff

Co-Sponsors: Hon. Michael Rollo

Date Submitted: May 9, 2022

Memorializing Cynthia McGovern

A Resolution related to the honoring of the Honorable Cynthia McGovern, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18th, 2022.

WHEREAS, Cynthia McGovern passed away in November of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia McGovern was a long-time member of the New Hampshire Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia McGovern served eleven years in the New Hampshire House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia McGovern served as Assistant House Leader, where she championed women, families, and organized labor; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia McGovern served on the board of the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Cynthia McGovern ran for the United States House of Representatives, in New Hampshire's First Congressional District; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Cyndy McGovern praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, the Seacoast, the rights of women, workers, and working families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the McGovern family.

Resolution 31

Topic: Memorializing Jonathan Charles Menes

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Dru Fox on Behalf of the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing Jonathan Charles Menes

A Resolution related to the honoring of Jonathan Charles Menes, offered by Rep. Dru Fox for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18th, 2022.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Charles Menes passed away on August 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Charles Menes was a resident of Rye, New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Charles Menes was a graduate of Tufts University and earned his Masters Degree in International Economics from The London School of Economics; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Charles Menes joined the US Foreign Service and was assigned to Paris, France serving under Ambassador Sargent Shriver and later the State Department in Washington, D. C.; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Charles Menes was later positioned at the Commerce Department as an Economist for 32 years and retired as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Industry Analysis; and

WHEREAS Jonathan Charles Menes, during his tenure at the Commerce Department, led several trade delegations to Asia, headed a committee at the OECD in Paris, and ran the office of Trade and Investment Analysis that published the annual US Industry and Trade Outlook; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Charles Menes was selected by President Reagan in 1985 to participate in the prestigious Presidential Exchange commission, spending a year as an executive with the United Technologies Corporation.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Charles Menes became an adjunct Professor of Economics at the University of Utah teaching a popular International Trade course with Governor Jon Huntsman; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Charles Menes was a lover of skiing, routinely skiing 100 days a year in Deer Valley, Utah and a lover of biking, completing several 100 mile "Centennials"; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Charles Menes was an activist for the Democratic Party, faithfully canvassing the Rye and Portsmouth area, sometimes with his daughter and granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Charles Menes frequently consulted with the NH Democratic Party on various economic policies especially concerning International Trade Policy: and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Charles Menes was well known throughout his entire life for his advocacy for progressive social issues and especially women's rights; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Jonathan Charles Menes the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, his community, his work and commitment to the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Menes family.

Resolution 32

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Marie Poirier

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Bette Lasky on Behalf of the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing Marie Poirier

A Resolution related to the honoring of Marie Poirier, offered by (TBD), for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Marie Poirier when passed away on March 11th, 2022, she did so in true Irish style: the sun shone warmly upon her face, a gentle breeze at her back, and family held her as she took God's hands; and

WHEREAS, Marie Poirier graduated from N.H. College with a degree in Human Services. She married Wallace C. Poirier Jr. on August 15, 1953, and spent the next 20 years crisscrossing the US and Canada with her four children in tow while Wally pursued a career with the United States Air Force ; and

WHEREAS, Marie Poirier by the time Wally retired from the US Air Force, Marie had become a true matriarch who knew how to pull the family together. In 1970, she and Wally settled the family in Manchester, NH where Marie quickly and expertly put down roots, as she had so many times before.; and

WHEREAS, Marie Poirier spent decades working in the community. Before her retirement, Marie worked as the Plateletpheresis Coordinator for the American Red Cross Blood Center; and

WHEREAS, Marie Poirier became an active member of the Manchester City Democrats, served as Ward Clerk and Selectman for Ward 8, and volunteered with Elliot Hospital, Friends Program at the Manchester City Library and the Palace Theater. She was also a member of OLLI at Granite State College and had been a member in the Ladies Ancient Order of the Hibernians.; and

WHEREAS, Marie Poirier had an adventurous spirit, and enjoyed taking long walks. For those who had the chance to cross paths with Marie on one of her outings, you quickly learned three things about her: she was proudly Irish, a fierce Democrat, and approached the daily weather forecast with near religious fervor; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Marie Poirier the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to her state and her community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to her family.

Resolution 33

Topic: A Resolution honoring Senator Robert F. Preston

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Raymond Buckley

Date Submitted: May 5, 2022

Memorializing Robert F. Preston

A Resolution related to the honoring of Senator Robert F. Preston offered by the Hon. Raymond Buckley, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Robert F. Preston passed away December 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Preston represented NH's seacoast in the state senate for nine terms, serving as Senate Democratic Leader for four terms; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Preston was a candidate for governor in 1990 and was the Democratic Nominee for Congress in the first district in 1992, and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Preston was a longtime member of the NH Democratic State Committee, and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Preston at age 17 served in the US Army in Italy and Germany, a Ve, having served as an officer in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Preston was a prominent Hampton business leader and real estate broker , and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Preston was married to the late Charlotte Preston for 63 years, had five children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic Party hereby grant Robert F. Preston the highest praise and accolades for his dedication, his state, and his commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Preston family.

Resolution 34

Topic: A Resolution honoring Representative Katherine D. Rogers

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Raymond Buckley

Co-Sponsors: Rep. Nicole Klein Knight, Rep. Kris Schultz, Hon. Caitlin Rollo, Hon. Michael Rollo, Sen. Donna Soucy, Rep. David Cote, Rep. Mary Jane Walner, Rep. Steve Shurtleff

Date Submitted: May 5, 2022

Memorializing Representative Katherine D. Rogers

A Resolution related to the honoring of Representative Katherine D. Rogers offered by the Hon. Raymond Buckley, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Katherine D. Rogers passed away April 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Katherine D. Rogers represented Concord in the NH House of Representative for eight terms becoming an indispensable member of the Finance Committee,

WHEREAS, Katherine D. Rogers the first woman elected Merrimack County Attorney following five terms as a Merrimack County Commissioner,

WHEREAS, Katherine D. Rogers was an eight term member of the Concord City Council and a member of the 1974 NH Constitutional Convention, and

WHEREAS, Katherine D. Rogers served as Chair of the Concord Democrats, Chair of the Merrimack County Democrats, Chair of the NHDP Disability Caucus, a member of the NHDP Rules Committee, nearly two decades on the NHDP Executive Committee, President of the NH Young Democrats and Delegate to the Democratic National Convention, and

WHEREAS, Katherine D. Rogers served on the staff of the presidential campaigns of Jimmy Carter, Carter-Mondale reelect, Walter Mondale, Michael Dukakis and Tom Harkin, and was a proud supporter of Clinton-Gore, Al Gore, Hillary Clinton, Obama-Biden and her personal friend Cory Booker, and

WHEREAS, Katherine D. Rogers guided campaigns from school board to US Senator for five decades, and

WHEREAS, Katherine D. Rogers was committed to gun safety, the protection of animals, children, women and all those abused or discarded, and

WHEREAS, Katherine D. Rogers received many awards and accolades through the years and was honored by the NHDP with the McIntyre Shaheen Legacy Award, the Burling Legislative Award and the Kathy Sullivan Courage and Leadership Award,

WHEREAS, Katherine D. Rogers was a proud Pug Mom, Patriots fan and a most loyal and trusted friend to many,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Katherine D. Rogers the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, and his commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to her family.

Resolution 35

Topic: Honoring Representative Barbara Shaw

Primary Sponsor: Representative Joshua Query

Co-Sponsors: Alderman Jim Burkush, Representative David Cote, Representative Mary Jane Walner, Representative Steve Shurtleff, Hon. Michael Rollo, Sen. Bette Lasky, Alan Raff, and Daniel Mason

Date Submitted: May 6th, 2022

Honoring Representative Barbara Shaw

A Resolution related to the honoring of Representative Barbara Shaw offered by Representative Joshua Query, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Barbara E. Shaw, who was serving her eleventh term as a State Representative representing the citizens of Manchester's Ward 9; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated advocate of education, Barbara Shaw spent her life as an educator and administrator, and once becoming a member of the House, served eight of her eleven terms on the Education Committee, serving as Clerk of that committee a remarkable five terms; and

WHEREAS, a committed public servant at every level of life, Barbara Shaw was concurrently serving as Alderman in Manchester's Ward 9 and was the longest serving female Alderman in the city's history; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Shaw cared about people and would often show up to assist a constituent in moving, assist the homeless with errands and support, hear every side of an issue from every concerned citizen and was admired for her sincerity and honesty; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Shaw was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who took immeasurable pride in her family and will forever be known as a staple in Manchester's lore; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Barbara E. Shaw be granted the highest praise and accolades and our profound thanks for her service to the state and the city she called home for many years, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that expressions of our most heartfelt sympathy be extended to her family, friends and all who were close.

Resolution 36

Topic: Memorializing John Shea

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Dru Fox

Co-Sponsors: Hon. Michael Rollo

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing the Honorable John Shea

A Resolution related to the honoring of the Honorable John Shea, offered by Rep. Dru Fox for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18th, 2022.

WHEREAS, John Shea passed away on November 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, John Shea was a resident of Keene, New Hampshire and Nelson, New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, John Shea was a 1965 graduate of Burdett College; and

WHEREAS John Shea served his community as President, Commissioner, Secretary and Manager of the Greater Keene Area Youth Baseball and Softball Association, as a 10 year Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 350, a member of the American Legion Post 4, served four terms as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus #819, past President of 372 Marlboro Street Home Association, Treasurer and Secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and volunteer for RISE; and

WHEREAS, John Shea served as a member of the Keene City Council, elected Representative to the New Hampshire General Court, a delegate to the New Hampshire National Convention, appointed to several zoning and planning boards and performed the duties of Nelson Town Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, John Shea loved to travel, touring North America, Europe, Asia, Scotland, Iceland, Portugal, the Caribbean and actually visiting Belgium during and when he won his race for Executive Council, earning the Keene Sentinel front page headline "Where in the world is John Shea?"

WHEREAS, John Shea then served two terms on the New Hampshire State Executive Council 2007-2010); and

WHEREAS, John Shea was known for being a great listener, a quiet, thoughtful, kind, gentle man who loved people; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant John Shea the highest praise and accolades for his

dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, his community, his work and commitment to the people of New Hampshire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Shea family.

Resolution 37

Topic: Memorializing Diana Soule Seifert

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Dru Fox on Behalf of the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing Diana Soule Seifert

A Resolution related to the honoring of Diana Soule Seifert, offered by Rep. Dru Fox for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18th, 2022.

WHEREAS, Diana Soule Seifert passed away on May 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Diana Soule Seifert was a lifelong resident of Salem, New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Diana Soule Seifert was a 1964 graduate of Woodbury High School, a 1968 graduate of Colby

College and earned a Master's Degree in Special Education from Lesley University; and

WHEREAS, Diana Soule Seifert was a long-time activist for the Democratic Party and elected official to the office of the Salem Zoning Board and Salem Budget Committee; and

WHEREAS, Diana Soule Seifert was a dedicated teacher of special education; and

WHEREAS, Diana Soule Seifert was a committed mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, teacher and member of the Salem community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Diana Soule Seifert the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, her community, and her commitment to education and children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Seifert family.

Resolution 38

Topic: The Honorable Philip “Phil” Spagnuolo, Jr. (born 8/30/1967, died 6/22/2021)

Primary Sponsor: Mike Parsons

Co-Sponsors: Lynn Thomas, Hon. Ray Buckley, Mayor Andrew Hosmer, Carlos Cardona, Charlie St. Clair

Date Submitted: May 6th

A Resolution related to the honoring the Honorable Philip “Phil” Spagnuolo, Jr., offered by Mike Parsons for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18th, 2022.

WHEREAS, Democrat Philip "Phil" Spagnuolo Jr., State Representative from Laconia died unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Phil’s life story is one of family, of community, of optimism, and of renewal; and Whereas Phil was an extraordinary leader who dedicated his life to lifting up others and working to make New Hampshire a better state for everyone. He took life’s most difficult challenges and he fearlessly faced them head-on -- helping others every step of the way regardless of who they were, where they came from, or what they struggled with. Everything Phil did was with compassion, courage, and with the conviction that everyone could make a difference -- no matter how big or small; and

WHEREAS, anchored by his family’s relentless belief in his ability to live a productive and sober life, Phil was able to access a life-saving rehabilitation program as part of the Affordable Care Act. That critical lifeline and opportunity for another chance inspired Phil to embrace sobriety—as fragile as it was—and to dedicate his life’s work to helping others navigate a path to recovery and, most importantly, to educating elected officials about systemic barriers faced by those suffering from substance misuse. What followed was the most unbelievable and inspiring path from prison to elected state official, serving in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, founding a nonprofit to support the recovery community, opening sober houses for men in the Lakes Region, and earning his certification as a recovery coach. Phil accomplished more in his five years of sobriety than most of us can hope for in a lifetime, but despite the incredible progress he led for the recovery community, there is still much work to be done; and

WHEREAS, NHDP Chairman Ray Buckley declared, “I and Democrats across the state are deeply saddened by this tragic loss. Phil was an extraordinary leader who dedicated his life to lifting up others and working to make New Hampshire a better state for everyone. He took life’s most difficult challenges and he fearlessly faced them head-on -- helping others every step of the way regardless of who they were, where they came from, or what they struggled with. Everything Phil did was with compassion,

courage, and with the conviction that everyone could make a difference -- no matter how big or small. We've lost a true leader, friend, and mentor to so many.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, In honor of his legacy, Phil's family asks that everyone who knew him, who loved him, who benefited from his commitment to community, take intentional steps—big or small—to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and substance misuse. And remember Phil's giant smile and infectious, full-body laugh, that he offered so freely to friends and strangers alike.

Resolution 39

Topic: A Resolution honoring Marilou Strickland

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Raymond Buckley

Date Submitted: May 5, 2022

Memorializing Marilou Strickland

A Resolution related to the honoring of Marilou Strickland offered by the Hon. Raymond Buckley, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Marilou Strickland passed away June 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Marilou Strickland held many careers most notably a skilled Manchester based political consultant, and

WHEREAS, Marilou Strickland was campaign manager or senior staff member for Senator Joe Biden's 1988 presidential campaign, Robert Walsh's 1986 congressional race and Pete Poirier's 1985 campaign for mayor of Manchester, and

WHEREAS, Marilou Strickland was a long time member of the Manchester City Committee, and

WHEREAS, Marilou Strickland served on the Hillsborough County Democratic Committee, and

WHEREAS, Marilou Strickland spent years on the New Hampshire Democratic State Committee, and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Marilou Strickland the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, and his commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Strickland family.

Resolution 40

Topic: Resolution honoring the Honorable Cynthia Page Sweeney

Sponsored by: Sullivan & Hillsborough County Democrats

Co-Sponsored: Hon Virginia O'Brien Irwin, Sen. Bette Lasky, Hon. Micheal Rollo

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

The Honorable Cynthia Page Sweeney September 28, 1943 – March 2, 2020

A Resolution related to the honorable Cynthia Page Sweeney offered by Sullivan & Hillsborough County Democrats, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS Cynthia Page Sweeney was a long-time activist in the NH Democratic party and,

WHEREAS Cynthia served in the NH House of Representatives, representing both Sullivan (2008-2010 Sullivan 5 and 2012-2014 Sullivan 8) and Hillsborough Counties (2000-2004), and,

WHEREAS she served on the State and Federal Relations Committee, serving as Vice Chairman in 2013, and,

WHEREAS, she was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and

WHEREAS she worked to repeal the death penalty and supported election reform, and,

WHEREAS Cynthia served the Sullivan County Democrats on the Executive Committee and was a tireless campaigner,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NH Democratic Party honor Cynthia Page Sweeney as a champion of free and fair elections and as a strong advocate for democratic values.

Resolution 41

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Mary Twomey

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Bette Lasky on Behalf of the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing Mary Twomey

A Resolution related to the honoring of Mary Twomey, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Mary Twomey passed away on December 16th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mary Twomey was born in Trenton, N.J. on Oct. 11, 1941, a daughter of the late Anthony and Beatrice (Burns) Moran; and

WHEREAS, Mary Twomey was raised in Trenton and graduated from Cathedral Catholic High School in 1959. She married in 1961 and raised her family in Lynn, Mass., Amesbury, Mass. and Hampton Falls, N.H; and

WHEREAS, Mary Twomey relocated to Hampton in her retirement years where she worked as a librarian assistant at the Lane Memorial Library

WHEREAS, Mary Twomey was a faithful communicant of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church; and

WHEREAS, Mary Twomey was very active with the Democratic Party, serving as a state delegate for the 1984 election; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Mary Twomey the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to her state and her community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to her family.

Resolution 42

Topic: A Resolution honoring the Honorable Shirley J. White

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Raymond Buckley

Date Submitted: May 5, 2022

Memorializing Shirley J. White

A Resolution related to the honoring of the Honorable Shirley J. White offered by the Hon. Raymond Buckley, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Shirley J. White passed away October 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Shirley J. White represented Somersworth in the state legislature for three terms, following in her mother's footsteps who also served in the NH House; and

WHEREAS, Shirley J. White was six term member of the Somersworth School Board, and

WHEREAS, Shirley J. White served as Chair of the Strafford County Democratic Committee was a longtime member of the NH Democratic State Committee, and

WHEREAS, Shirley J. White and her husband owned a Real Estate agency and served as the Somersworth City Assessor for 14 years, and

WHEREAS, Shirley J. White was married to Bill White, had six children, 17 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren, and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Shirley J. White the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, and her commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the White family.

Resolution 43

Topic: A Resolution Honoring John R. White

Primary Sponsor: Wolfeboro Democrats

Co-Sponsors: Tuftonboro Democrats

Date Submitted: May 6, 2022

Memorializing John R. White

A Resolution related to the honoring of John R. White, offered by Blair Moffett, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, John R. White passed away on March 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, John R. White served for years as the Town Chair of Wolfeboro Democrats; and

WHEREAS, John R. White spoke the truth, consistently and with vigor; and

WHEREAS, John R. White stepped up to run as a candidate for both NH House and Senate; and

WHEREAS, John R. White graced the pages of our newspaper with sharp wit and provocative commentary; and

WHEREAS, John R. White lived with dignity and curiosity;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant John R. White the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to his state and his community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to his family.