



**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY

## **In Memorial Resolutions**

**Proposed by the NHDP Resolutions Committee**

**for Adopted at the NHDP State Convention on**

**May 11th, 2024.**

**All Resolutions were Unanimously Adopted by the**

**Resolutions Committee**

## Resolution 1

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Philip Preston**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing the Honorable Philip Preston

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Philip Preston, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Philip Preston passed away in November of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Philip Preston served his country in the Army and as a public-school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Philip Preston was the elected Moderator for the Ashland School Board; and

WHEREAS, Philip Preston then was elected Moderator for the Town of Ashland;

WHEREAS, Philip Preston went on to win two terms from 2006-2010 as a Representative for Grafton County District 8 in the New Hampshire House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Philip Preston sat on the Judiciary Committee in the House; and

WHEREAS, Philip Preston, was known as a man of integrity and common sense, who won split tickets by campaigning door to door, frugally investing campaign funds that he raised each cycle to connect with the real needs of his constituents; and

WHEREAS, Philip Preston an ardent environmentalist, drove with official state house license plates on his Toyota Prius at 55 mph on his way to Concord and back;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire democratic state convention here by grant Philip Preston the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 2

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Herb Richardson**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing the Honorable Herb Richardson

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Herb Richardson, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Herb Richardson passed away in March of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Herb Richardson's passion for the political forum and commitment to helping others is probably what he was best known for; and

WHEREAS, Herb Richardson spent almost 40 years on local school boards, as a selectman, on budget committees and 18 years as a State Representative - a position he was most proud and passionate about; and

WHEREAS, Herb Richardson followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, Arthur Peabody and brother, John Richardson; and

WHEREAS, Herb Richardson was most proud of his role as the Vice Chair of the Science, Technology & Energy Committee; and

WHEREAS, Herb Richardson was also proud of the numerous bills that he sponsored and cosponsored; and

WHEREAS, Herb Richardson was also proud of all of the people he was able to help with fuel and electrical assistance, energy efficient housing projects, handicap accessibility

upgrades to personal homes throughout the north country and community buildings like Lancaster's Town Hall, and negotiating the installation of the LED street lights on Summer and Main Streets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Herb Richardson the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 3

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring Ann Ackerman**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing Ann Ackerman

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Ann Ackerman, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Ann Ackerman passed away in April of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ann Ackerman was a lifelong educator, starting her career as a history and social studies teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ann Ackerman became involved with local, state and Democratic Party politics, hosting many presidential candidates at her house over the years and amassing a very impressive photo collection; and

WHEREAS, Ann Ackerman won election four times to the Nashua Board of Aldermen, representing Ward 1 and working on a number of important city projects over the years; and

WHEREAS, Ann Ackerman valued getting to know and serving her constituents and the greater Nashua Community; and

WHEREAS, Ann Ackerman maintained a list of Ward 1 residents with medical and mobility needs so she could work with the city's public works departments and first responders to prioritize these residents for snow plowing and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Ann Ackerman made calls to thank city workers for a job well done after a tough snowstorm or big city event; and

WHEREAS, Ann Ackerman returned to teaching and had a long and distinguished career as a teacher, administrator, and professor at many educational institutions, including Hollis-Brookline High School, Nashua (South) High School, Daniel Webster College, Salem High School, Rivier College, and Nashua Community College.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Ann Ackerman the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 4

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Judie Reeve**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing the Honorable Judie Reeve

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Judie Reeve, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Judie Reeve passed away in June of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Judie Reeve became involved with her community, volunteering in schools, becoming a scout leader and working hard for the Nursery Guild; and

WHEREAS, Judie Reeve ran for the Laconia School Board, ultimately serving for 21 years, befriending teacher, and student alike; and

WHEREAS, Judie Reeve was appointed to the NH School Boards Association, traveling the state doing school board training and ultimately serving as chair; and

WHEREAS, Judie Reeve was also appointed as the chair of the NH Board of Education by Gov. Jeanne Shaheen; and

WHEREAS, Judie Reeve was elected to the NH House, serving on the house education committee, where she was instrumental in passing kindergarten for all NH students.

WHEREAS, Judie Reeve was a friend to all, whether you needed a cup of coffee, some advice, a place to sleep, or just a friendly ear.



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Judie Reeve the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 5

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Maureen Mann of Deerfield**

Primary Sponsor: Dana van der Bijl

Co-Sponsors: Rebecca Hutchinson / Robert Prieto

Memorializing Rep Maureen Riordan Mann

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Rep Maureen Mann of Deerfield, offered by  
Dana van der Bijl, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party  
Convention on May 11, 2024.**

WHEREAS former Rep Maureen Mann passed away in October of 2023; and

WHEREAS Maureen cultivated respect and bi-partisan admiration in the towns of Deerfield, Northwood, Nottingham and Candia, which resulted in her serving one special election term and two additional full terms from 2008-2010 and 2012-2014; and

WHEREAS Maureen provided a model for all Democrats toiling in heavily Republican districts with her nonstop door-to-door, street corner commitment to meet voters wherever they were; and

WHEREAS Maureen volunteered on numerous Deerfield boards and committees including the Philbrick-James Library, the Deerfield Cemetery Trustees, Municipal Budget Committee and Senior Luncheon; and

WHEREAS Maureen created the non-profit, all-volunteer online newspaper The Forum to address the news desert in the towns of Deerfield, Candia, Northwood, and Nottingham, and served on its Board until her passing in 2023; and

WHEREAS Maureen was awarded the New Hampshire Organic Farmers Policy Award for her tireless work on GMO labeling in 2014; and

WHEREAS while a cemetery trustee, Maureen addressed the lack of burial space in Deerfield by working to have a columbarium installed; and

WHEREAS this summer, the columbarium will be completed and dedicated to her memory.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2024 NH Democratic State Convention hereby grant Maureen Mann the highest praise and appreciation for her endless efforts on behalf of the people of the state of New Hampshire and her always timely and valuable model of service to community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expression of sympathy be extended to the Riordan Family.

## Resolution 6

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Bill Brennan**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing the Honorable Bill Brennan

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Bill Brennan, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Bill Brennan passed away in October of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Bill Brennan lived by the belief that "public service is its own reward." and embraced this ethos by serving on the Attleboro City Council, planning board, and school committee; and

WHEREAS, Bill Brennan continued his commitment to public service by becoming a member of the Rochester School Board, the city council, and the NH state legislature; and

WHEREAS, Bill Brennan was an active member of various organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign War, Massachusetts Retired Teachers Association, American Legion, Strafford County Retired Teachers Association, First Marine Division Association, and the Rochester Public Library.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Bill Brennan the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 7

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Hoy R. Menear**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing the Honorable Hoy R. Menear

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Hoy R. Menear, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Hoy R. Menear passed away in November of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Hoy R. Menear was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Hoy R. Menear served on the State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Hoy R. Menear the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 8

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring Kris Durmer**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing Kris Durmer

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Kris Durmer, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Kris Durmer passed away in December of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Kris Durmer's work ethic and commitment to serving others were central in all he did; and

WHEREAS, Kris Durmer's first job in public service was as a Special Assistant to the late Senator Thomas J. McIntyre, who encouraged him to pursue a law degree; and

WHEREAS, Kris Durmer continued his work with the Senator, and he earned his Juris Doctor from the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Kris Durmer also served his country as an Artillery Surveyor, Staff Sergeant in the New Hampshire Army National Guard from 1971-1977; and

WHEREAS, Kris Durmer's strong sense of civic duty and obligation to help make the political system work for all established him as a leader in the NH Democratic party; and

WHEREAS, Kris Durmer for over three-decades, provided counsel to elected officials, as well as local and national candidates, and he mentored the next generation of organizers and activists.

WHEREAS, Kris Durmer valued participation at all levels; he held signs, knocked on doors, and hosted numerous presidential candidates in his home;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Kris Durmer the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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



## Resolution 9

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring Ed Theobald**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing Ed Theobald

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Ed Theobald, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Ed Theobald passed away in April of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ed Theobald was a longtime resident of Rye and an active business, civic, political and philanthropic leader in the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Ed Theobald was a confidant of the late Gov. Hugh Gallen and served as Chair of the New Hampshire Retirement System under three Granite State Governors; and

WHEREAS, Ed Theobald was well-known in local, state, and national political circles, serving as a member of the Democratic National Committee and a candidate for the N.H. Executive Council; and

WHEREAS, Ed Theobald became lifelong friends with his one-time opponent for the Executive Council, Republican Ruth Griffin, with whom he clashed over Seabrook Station; and

WHEREAS, Ed Theobald also accompanied Rev. Jesse Jackson to Damascus in 1984 on a delicate mission to Syria to free Navy Lt. Robert Goodman, a pilot downed and imprisoned by the Syrian government; and

WHEREAS, Ed Theobald's service as a Trustee of the Professional Firefighters, Police Officers and Public Employees (PFPOPE) Fund in New Hampshire brought him enormous satisfaction, as did a host of related professional and philanthropic endeavors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Ed Theobald the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 10

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring Lincoln Soldati**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing Lincoln Soldati

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Lincoln Soldati, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Lincoln Soldati passed away in November of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Soldati served nine successive terms as Strafford County Attorney, built a stellar reputation by managing a staff of 20 while carrying his own full case load, established the Strafford County's first Victim Assistance Program, provided training on criminal justice for judges, attorneys, police, medical personnel and rape crisis counselors, and educated college and high school students; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Soldati was frequently seen at the Statehouse in Concord testifying on various issues, most notably initiating legislation to transfer the cost of the rape examination kit from the victim to the state; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Soldati was the only prosecutor to testify for the repeal of New Hampshire's death penalty; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Soldati served eight years on the Somersworth School Board, and in 2009 was elected Mayor of Somersworth where he worked to restore civil discourse to local government, established the first sustainability committee in the City and promoted

Somersworth as a "Local Economy Community" encouraging investment and support for locally owned businesses and food sourcing; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Soldati in 2017, was a candidate for US Congress in the primary in the First District to replace Carol Shea Porter; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Soldati's last wish was fulfilled by getting an absentee ballot so he could vote in the Nov 8 election, just days before his passing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Lincoln Soldati the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 11

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Judy Reardon**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing the Honorable Judy Reardon

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Judy Reardon, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Judy Reardon passed away in December of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Judy Reardon was born in Manchester, NH and was dedicated by the love of the city and its citizens;

WHEREAS, Judy Reardon earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a degree in law from the University of Pennsylvania Law School; and

WHEREAS, Judy Reardon, upon returning to Manchester, was an associate at the McLane, Graf, Raulerson and Middleton Law Firm, while simultaneously serving two terms as a state representative; and

WHEREAS, Judy Reardon led a career in public service, including as an attorney with the New Hampshire Public Defender and as Executive Director of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. Judy devoted her life to bettering the lives of Granite Staters; and

WHEREAS, Many Granite State Democratic candidates benefitted from her advice and counsel, as did the New Hampshire Democratic Party, playing a major role in developing

the strategies that transformed the state's political color from red to purple, and she was a reliable part of the Democratic Party's Voter Protection Program; and

WHEREAS, Judy Reardon spent most of her career working with Senator Jeanne Shaheen, from the New Hampshire State Senate, the Governor's Office and in the U.S. Senate, Judy filled many roles on Senator Shaheen's staff. Working on the staff were many of her most treasured memories; and

WHEREAS, Judy Reardon volunteered in the Learn to Read Literacy Program and served as a Manchester Water Works Commission and on the Manchester Library Foundation Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Judy Reardon the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 12

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Freda Smith**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing the Honorable Freda Smith

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Freda Smith, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Freda Smith passed away in October of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Freda Smith served as a State Representative for the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Freda Smith served as the President of the Laconia State School (ARC). In 1978, she was instrumental in the class action suit against the State of New Hampshire, regarding the deplorable conditions at the institution.

WHEREAS, Freda Smith influenced the United States Department of Justice to join in the lawsuit, which resulted in the closing of the school; and

WHEREAS, Freda Smith traveled to many states as a speaker at conventions regarding the Laconia State School. Freda provided others with an example to follow with their states; and

WHEREAS, Freda Smith received the Matilda Mandrey Award, for helping the developmentally disabled population; and

WHEREAS, Freda Smith received the John F. Kennedy Merit Award from the Salem Democratic Committee, she received the Mother of Pearl Award from the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Salem Cooperative Bank for her volunteer work with Greater Salem Caregivers, Warde Health Center, Silverthorne Adult Daycare, and the Salem Senior Center.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Freda Smith the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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



## Resolution 13

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Frank Heffron**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing the Honorable Frank Heffron

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Frank Heffron, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Frank Heffron passed away in November of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Frank Heffron served as a Captain in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, Frank Heffron as a young attorney, worked for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, going South to work on the desegregation of motels in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Frank Heffron was a long-time Democratic political activist, elected a New Hampshire State Representative, serving from 2012-2016; and

WHEREAS, Frank Heffron even In his 80s, he went door-to-door encouraging people to vote.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Frank Heffron the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 14

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Ted Cusson**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing the Honorable Ted Cusson

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Ted Cusson, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Ted Cusson passed away in November of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ted Cusson was elected to the House of Representatives in 1987 and served on the Executive Department and Administration Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ted Cusson, while serving as state Representative, accepted an appointment from Mayor Emile Beaulieu and was the Administrative Assistant for the City of Manchester.; and

WHEREAS, Ted Cusson was a Director of the Greater Manchester Development Corporation and a member of its Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ted Cusson was a member of several social, business, and professional organizations including the US Jaycees, the Chamber of Commerce, National Fraternal Insurance Counselors, National Association of Life Underwriters, American Legion, Societe Historique de Boston, Club Richelieu, St. Georges' Court of the ACA, and a member of the Intervale Country Club;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Ted Cusson the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 15

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring Dr. Geoffrey Clark**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing Dr. Geoffrey Clark

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Dr. Geoffrey Clark, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Clark passed away in January of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Clark had many interests and titles-physician, entrepreneur, scientist, pilot, sailor, collector, explorer, board member, philanthropist, he was most importantly a devoted husband and ever-present father and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Clark was a tireless advocate for the causes he believed in and the greater Seacoast community. He often quoted the late Seacoast philanthropist Joe Sawtelle who said, "There is no limit to what you can get done if you don't care who gets credit."; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Clark moved to Portsmouth, NH in 1973 and began restoring the Langley Boardman House on Middle Street, still the family home to this day; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Clark started Braintree Laboratories with Harry Keegan and Jeff's cousin Reiner Beeuwkes. Braintree Labs produced a number of pharmaceuticals, including Golytely, Nulytely, MiraLAX, and PhosLo. The company went on to be a major player nationally and was sold in 2019. ; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Clark was an early volunteer for set-striking at Theatre by the Sea, went on to chair its board, and was instrumental in the theater's move from Ceres Street to Bow Street, the current home of Seacoast Repertory Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Clark invested both his time and treasure in a variety of non-profit organizations, including The (Portsmouth, NH) Music Hall, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, Families First, New Hampshire Public Radio, and Sustainable Harvest International; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Clark played an active role supporting his wife Sen. Martha Fuller Clark's political career. Together they have supported the Democratic party and other non-profit democratic organizations at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Whether you found him filling the many bird feeders at Argo Point, flying loop de loops in the sky above Saratoga, Florida, calculating the number of steps from an Art Deco Palazzo to the stairs of the Teatro Massimo in Palermo, Sicily, planning upcoming trips to the Northwest Passage and Morocco, devoting countless hours to Democratic organizations or sitting down with his beloved wife for the Friday night PBS NewsHour, Jeff was a thoughtful man deeply engaged with life down to the last detail.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Geoffrey Clark the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 16

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring Katy Burns**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing Katy Burns

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Katy Burns, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Katy Burns passed away in November of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Katy Burns was a courageous, funny and award-winning journalist; and

WHEREAS, Katy Burns was a columnist for the Concord Monitor, where she won seven N.H. Press Association awards, including three "Columnist of the Year" awards; and

WHEREAS, Katy Burns was an elegant writer who was unafraid to take on controversial topics or to annoy (and even outrage) elected officials and, inevitably, some readers. But she was also an insightful observer of every imaginable part of the local and national scene: and

WHEREAS, former Monitor editor Felice Belman once wrote, "Seasons changed, political parties fell into and out of favor, governors came and went, and Katy Burns persisted, providing context, humor and a good dose of moral outrage to help us understand the often absurd parade on the public stage....Katy's column, her unique voice, helped give the Monitor its personality, a regular jolt of opinion that readers loved ... or loved to hate."; and

WHEREAS, Katy Burns was active in politics and was the press secretary for John Glenn in his successful first run for U.S. Senate and for (now Senator) Sherrod Brown in his successful campaign for Ohio Secretary of State, along with many other candidates for local and state offices in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Katy Burns was also a regional press secretary for Jimmy Carter in his successful presidential run and for George McGovern in his campaign; and

WHEREAS, Katy Burns always worked exclusively for Democrats, Katy was known and respected by Republicans, and she was successful as a press secretary because--although she was an ardent advocate for her candidates--she was always straightforward and honest in her advocacy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Katy Burns the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 17

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring Pamela Fox**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing Pamela Fox

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Pamela Fox, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Pamela Fox passed away in November of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Fox was proud of her work in the anti-war and labor movements of the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Fox was also proud of her participation in care for people with HIV during the AIDS crisis of the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Fox and was known for her commitment to scientific investigation, hospital safety and infection control in nursing and leadership roles at Salem Hospital, Mass General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Fox was active in service for her community and the world – whether that was volunteering at Memorial Hospital in North Conway or the Pope Memorial Library, marching for climate justice or canvassing for the Democratic Party.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Pamela Fox the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party; and



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

## Resolution 18

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring Mary Orff**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing Mary Orff

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Mary Orff, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Mary Orff passed away in August of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mary Orff was an active volunteer for the NH Democratic Party for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Orff served as the Chair of the Epsom Democratic Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Mary Orff the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 19

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring Shirley Ganem**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing Shirley Ganem

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Shirley Ganem, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Shirley Ganem passed away in August of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Ganem dedicated herself to community service, but also pushed open doors previously closed to women; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Ganem was active in Democratic Party politics, serving as the Carroll County Democratic Party Chairperson in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Ganem also served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention during this same period; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Ganem was active in the fight for equal treatment for women and the push for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA); and

WHEREAS, one of Shirley Ganem's greatest disappointments was America's failure to ratify the ERA, she was prophetic in her fear that its failure would lead to an erosion of women's bodily autonomy and the loss of hard-fought political rights; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Ganem spent her life in public service. For more than a decade, she served as the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Task Force for the Prevention of

Child Abuse and Neglect. She also served on the New Hampshire State Board of Education, and for many years was Chairman of the Board of the Wolfeboro Area Children's Center; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Ganem spent more than 25 years as an elected official on the Board of Selectmen, many of those as Chairman. Shirley believed local government was an important pillar of American democracy and relished her time as a public servant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Shirley Ganem the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 20

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring Elaine Van Dyke**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing Elaine Van Dyke

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Elaine Van Dyke, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Elaine Van Dyke passed away in January of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Van Dyke was a well-known activist, passionate in the cause of reducing hunger among children and families; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Van Dyke believed good policy was important, she felt even stronger about practical action, which she did at a personal, local and state level; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Van Dyke's practical focus on reducing hunger resulted in one of her greatest legacies is New Hampshire Hunger Solutions, a nonprofit founded in 2018 with the goal of ending food insecurity, improving access to nutritious food, and addressing hunger's root causes for all New Hampshire residents; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Van Dyke had strong political beliefs, which she enjoyed sharing; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Van Dyke became Treasurer of the Kingston Democratic Town Committee; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Van Dyke thought it was important for citizens to be involved and as a result took advantage of the role New Hampshire has in the presidential nominating process and got involved in national, state and local politics.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Elaine Van Dyke the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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

## Resolution 21

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Honorable Suzanne Smith**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing the Honorable Suzanne Smith

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Suzanne Smith, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Suzanne Smith passed away in January of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Smith was elected to the New Hampshire State House of Representatives in 2008 where she served her community until 2022; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Smith took a special interest in the Resource Committee to help shape legislation involving water quality issues, conservation, and shoreline protection; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Smith was recognized as the recipient of the Reverend Sidney Lovett Memorial Award for Exemplary Lake Advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Smith never tired of giving back to her community and was particularly proud of her work on the Hebron Town Forest during her 16 years on the Hebron Conservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Smith also served in numerous roles with the organization Homeopaths Without Borders. Her work with the organization included editing four books and going on a service trip to Haiti. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024

New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Suzanne Smith the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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



## Resolution 22

### **Topic: A Resolution Honoring John Mosto**

Primary Sponsor: Donna Loranger, Chair, Salem Democratic Town Committee

Co-Sponsor: Wayne Haubner, NHDP Deputy Finance Director, Salem Democratic  
Town Committee Member

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing John Mosto

### **A Resolution related to the honoring of John Mosto for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11, 2024.**

WHEREAS, John Mosto passed away on December 28, 2023 at 75 years old; and

WHEREAS, John Mosto was a dedicated, long time member of the Salem  
Democratic Town Committee for over fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, John Mosto was dedicated to the work of the Salem Democratic Town  
Committee as a volunteer for every election, assembling sign sticks for the  
candidates; and

WHEREAS, John Mosto was first to volunteer for visibility events in Salem; and

WHEREAS, John Mosto was a believer in supporting Democratic values and  
candidates through his comprehensive and factual Letters to the Editor published in  
local and regional newspapers; and

WHEREAS, John Mosto was a lifelong resident of the area and a tireless supporter of  
his community through his volunteer work the Armenian Apostolic Church in  
Haverhill and for the elderly and the homeless; and

WHEREAS, John Mosto was a lifelong educator, receiving his master's degree in mathematics from what is now UMass Lowell, and taught math and physics at Chelmsford High School for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, John Mosto married his high school sweetheart Charlotte and was most proud of his family, never missing a dance recital, piano lesson, or supporting his grandchildren in their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, John Mosto is and always will be in the hearts of Salem Democrats and all who knew him; and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention grant John Mosto the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic party, his thoughtfulness and compassion, his family and his faith and commitment to his community; and

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

## Resolution 23

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring Shirley Brownell**

Primary Sponsor: The Town of Strafford, NH Democratic Committee

Date Submitted: 04/14/2024

Memorializing Shirley Brownell

**A Resolution Celebrating the life of Democrat Shirley Brownell Celebrating the life and contributions of Strafford Democratic Committee**

WHEREAS, In 2023, the Strafford Town Democrats noted the passing of longtime committee member Shirley Brownell. She and her late husband Bob were fierce Democrats and ardent conservationists; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 90, Shirley went tirelessly door to door in Strafford for Hillary Clinton because she wanted to see a woman president; and

WHEREAS, she will be fondly remembered for her boundless enthusiasm, love for Bow Lake, and great ginger cookies; and

WHEREAS, that the Town of Strafford Democratic Committee recognizes the contributions of Shirley Brownell;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention grant Shirley Brownell the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic party, her thoughtfulness and compassion, his family and his faith and commitment to her community; and

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

## Resolution 24

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring Virginia 'Ginny' Greer**

Primary Sponsor: Lisa DeMio, Co-chair, Hampstead Democratic  
Committee

Co-Sponsor: Laurie Warnock, Co-chair, Hampstead Democratic  
Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing Virginia 'Ginny' Greer

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Virginia 'Ginny' Greer, offered by the  
Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party  
Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS Virginia 'Ginny' Greer was a founding member of the Hampstead Democratic  
Committee, leaving an indelible mark on our hearts and the legacy of our organization;

WHEREAS Virginia 'Ginny' Greer's unwavering dedication to democratic ideals, coupled  
with a sharp intellect and a warm sense of humor, made her a beacon of inspiration for us  
all;

WHEREAS Virginia 'Ginny' Greer's passion for democratic principles was contagious and  
fearless, motivating each of us to strive for a better, more inclusive future;

WHEREAS Virginia 'Ginny' Greer's kindness, energy and graciousness enriched those  
fortunate enough to know and work with her;

WHEREAS Virginia 'Ginny' Greer delighted voters at the polls every election with her  
irrepressible good humor and impeccable sense of style;

WHEREAS Virginia 'Ginny' Greer's legacy will endure in the fabric of our community, and her spirit continue to guide us as we navigate the path ahead;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention grant Virginia Greer the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic party, her state, her community and her commitment to equality and social justice; and

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

## Resolution 25

**Topic: A Resolution Honoring the Art Ellison**

Primary Sponsor: Offered by the Resolutions Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2024

Memorializing the Honorable Art Ellison

**A Resolution related to the honoring of Art Ellison, offered by the Resolutions Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.**

WHEREAS, Art Ellison passed away in March of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Art Ellison worked for 38 years as the State Director of Adult Education while remaining active in local, state and national political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Art Ellison worked regularly with the SEIU to help elect candidates who were committed to protecting the labor rights of NH residents; and

WHEREAS, Art Ellison also served for seven years on the board of the Highlander Research and Education Center, which supports grassroots efforts for justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, Art Ellison began his first of three terms in the NH House of Representatives in 2019, where he served proudly with his democratic colleagues on the Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Art Ellison's last wish was the passage of his legislation ensuring that hungry children would be provided free lunches in schools, however the measure was tabled, but democrats will continue his legacy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Art Ellison the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party; and

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