



## 2020 In Memoriam Resolutions

### Resolution 1

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Laurel Abusamra

Primary Sponsor: Eric Turer, Chair – Brentwood Democratic Committee

Co-Sponsors: Hon. Liz McConnell, State Representative and Vice Chair of the Brentwood Democratic Committee

Date Submitted: April 15, 2020

#### Memorializing Laurel Abusamra

A Resolution related to the honoring of Laurel Abusamra, offered by Eric Turer, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, Laurel Abusamra passed away in March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Abusamra was a long-time member and current officer of the Brentwood Democratic Committee; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Abusamra, and her husband of 49 years David, were dedicated teachers of languages at the Governor Dummer Academy (now Governor's Academy) for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Abusamra was a lover and friend of the natural environment and rehabilitator of injured animals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Laurel Abusamra the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state, her community, and her commitment to social justice and the environment; and



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

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## Resolution 2

Topic: A Resolution honoring Michael J. Carney Sr.

Primary Sponsor: Salem Democratic Town Committee

Co-Sponsors: N/A

Date Submitted: April 14, 2020

### Memorializing Michael J. Carney Sr.

A Resolution related to the honoring of Michael J. Carney Sr. offered by the Salem Democratic Town Committee for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, Michael J. Carney Sr. passed away on March 28, 2020: and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Carney, Sr. served his country as a member of the United States Army, after graduating from Boston University, worked as a newspaper reporter, and spent his last 58 years as a resident of Salem;

WHEREAS, Michael J. Carney Sr. devoted much of his life to the people of Salem, serving as a Selectman, Chairman of the Salem School Board, Chairman of the Housing Authority and as an Assistant Election Moderator;

WHEREAS, Michael J. Carney Sr. spent many years in support of Salem's youth through his involvement in Youth Baseball, PTA, American Legion Baseball, Salem High School sports and the Salem Boys and Girls Club,

AND WHEREAS, Michael J. Carney Sr. was a life-long Democrat in every sense of the word, lending support to the Democratic Party and its candidates,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic Convention hereby grant Michael J. Carney Sr. the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party and working people; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the Carney Family.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



### **Resolution 3**

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Mark Connolly

Primary Sponsor: Colin Pio

Co-Sponsors: Huck Montgomery, Alan Raff, Hon. Jim Splaine, Mary and John Rauh, Sen. Lou D'Allesandro, Hon. Katie Wheeler

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

#### Memorializing Mark Connolly

A Resolution memorializing the life of Mark Connolly offered by the New Hampshire Democratic Party for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, Mark Connolly was a New Hampshire native and proud Democrat; and

WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Mark Connolly dedicated his life to public service and to the betterment of his home state of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Mark Connolly was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1976 while a student at Dartmouth College; and

WHEREAS, While a student at Dartmouth College serving in the New Hampshire House, Mark Connolly befriended Representative Elizabeth Croy and her husband, Fred, who taught him the value of a helping hand and made a lasting impact on his life; and

WHEREAS, After putting himself through college, Mark Connolly earned his MBA at Northwestern University before returning to New Hampshire to begin his decades-long career in business and public service; and

WHEREAS, Mark Connolly was committed to making New Hampshire a better place and served on the boards of Strawberry Banke, the Portsmouth Athenaeum, the New



Castle Planning Board, Child and Family Services, the New Hampshire Audubon, and the Greater Manchester Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 Mark Connolly was named New Hampshire Deputy Secretary of State and Director of the Bureau of Securities Regulation; and

WHEREAS, as Director of the Bureau of Securities Regulation, Mark Connolly was an aggressive regulator who took action against companies such as Tyco, Ameriprise, ING, Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch, and UBS returning more than \$50 million to New Hampshire taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the North American Securities Administrators Association recognized Mark Connolly with its Securities Enforcement Award of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 when Financial Resources Mortgage perpetrated the largest Ponzi scheme in New Hampshire history, Mark Connolly spoke up when no one else would and blew the whistle on state government's inaction; and

WHEREAS, Mark Connolly fought passionately for the people defrauded out of their life savings by FRM and cared more about protecting the victims than protecting state agencies who failed to act; and

WHEREAS, Mark Connolly resigned his position in protest of the state's inaction, wrote a book "Cover-Up" which detailed state government's failure to act, and remained an advocate, friend, and counsel to many FRM victims until his passing; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Bureau of Securities Regulation, Mark Connolly spoke regularly about the need to reform state government, increase transparency, and reduce the corrosive influence of money in politics; and

WHEREAS, Mark Connolly ran for Governor of New Hampshire in 2016 focusing on the need to reform New Hampshire's antiquated campaign finance laws, make government more accountable to the people, and reign in the power of special interests; and

WHEREAS, Mark Connolly passed away on April 13, 2019 leaving behind his beloved Terri, his extended family, and a wide group of friends; and



WHEREAS, Mark will be remembered as a man who acted with integrity, empathy, and kindness and as a man who lived with compassion, honesty, and happiness; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Mark Connolly the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party and for his decades-long commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the entire Connolly family and especially Terri, Steven, Katie, Keven, Jeffrey, and Samuel.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## Resolution 4

Topic: A Resolution honoring John V. Daly

Primary Sponsor: Brenda Oldak

Co-Sponsors: Peter Oldak, Susan Peterson

Date Submitted: April 17, 2020

### Memorializing John V. Daly

A Resolution related to the honoring of John V. Daly offered by Brenda Oldak, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, John V. Daly passed away February 2020; and

WHEREAS, John V. Daly was Chair of the East Kingston Democratic Committee; and

WHEREAS, John V. Daly was a Veteran, having served as an officer in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, John V. Daly, as a notable attorney, and while partner at Sanders and McDermott, was honored for 12 years of pro bono work for affordable housing in the New Hampshire Seacoast area by representing the Housing Partnership; and

WHEREAS, John V. Daly, a long term resident of Exeter and East Kingston, volunteered in his community as Chair of East Kingston's Zoning Board of Adjustment;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant John V. Daly the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, and his commitment to social justice; and

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





***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***

## **Resolution 5**

Topic: A Resolution Memorializing Paul Jacobson Henle

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Katherine Rogers

Co-Sponsors: N/A

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

WHEREAS PAUL JACOBSON HENLE 's love on NH began in childhood with happy summer vacations. His early career included logging in the New Hampshire woods, working on a dairy farm, and theatre production at the Barnstormers in Tamworth. He went on to become a lead programmer with Primavera Systems, a trusted realtor, and ultimately retired as a community organizer from the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund in Concord; and

WHEREAS PAUL HENLE excelled at making music. He played percussion for many years in the Lakes Region with the Irish band, Odd Men Out. He also played with the New Hampshire Music Festival and the Scottish band Tullochgorum and was the percussionist for several recordings of New England musicians; and

WHEREAS PAUL HENLE, was devoted to serving the people of New Hampshire. He worked tirelessly for the Democratic Party for many years, first in Carroll County. He later represented Merrimack District 12 (Concord, Ward 2) in the New Hampshire House of Representatives from 2012-2018 and served on the Ways and Means Committee; and

AND WHEREAS PAUL HENLE wrote editorials about it. He'd stand up in the House chamber and talk about it. And it was his is steadfast conviction that he was doing something good for New Hampshire by fighting the Pledge; and

WHEREAS PAUL HENLE will be remembered always for his gentle kindness, bright intellect, good humor, and wit;and



WHEREAS PAUL HENLE passed away on October 7, 2018 with his wife, Blair, at his side, after a heroic fight to recover from a brain injury.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2020 NH Democratic Convention honors Paul Jacobson Henle for his service to the People of the Democratic Party and the State of New Hampshire.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***

## **Resolution 6**

Topic: Resolution for Mary H Hillier

Primary Sponsor: Representative Linda L.Tanner

Co-Sponsors: N/A

Date Submitted: April 17, 2020

WHEREAS, Mary Hillier was committed to our Democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, Mary Hillier was instrumental in the campaigns to add sexual orientation to New Hampshire civil rights laws and in the passage of New Hampshire's Marriage Equality and numerous other civil and workers' rights laws in New Hampshire: and

WHEREAS, Mary Hillier served as a Vice Chair of the Sunapee Democratic Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mary Hillier was an active union member, shop steward, and road race coordinator for the SEA/SEIU 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mary Hillier played a pivotal role in the election of countless Democratic candidates; and

WHEREAS, Mary Hillier was an advocate for local libraries; and

WHEREAS, Mary Hillier was a beloved wife, sister, aunt, friend and community member,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention recognizes and honors the life of Mary H. Hillier and her contributions and activism to the Democratic Party.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## Resolution 7

Topic: A Resolution Memorializing Bob Mann

Primary Sponsor: Rebecca Hutchinson

Co-Sponsors: Bernie Cameron

Date Submitted: April 14, 2020

A Resolution related to the honoring of Bob Mann, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, Bob Mann passed away in April of 2019; and

WHEREAS, Bob Mann was a member of the Deerfield Democratic Committee, actively contributing to the promotion of social justice via his newspaper articles, yard signage, the Deerfield Democratic float in the Deerfield Old Home Day parade and his generous donation of sound equipment for many of our town events including our very popular Deerfield Coffee House ; and

WHEREAS, Bob Mann established, built, and recruited volunteers for the Rockingham County Democratic Booth at the Deerfield Fair and other fairs throughout Rockingham County for many years ;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Bob Mann the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to our Deerfield community, his state, and his commitment to social justice; and

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

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## Resolution 8

Topic: A Resolution Honoring David W. McCloskey

Primary Sponsor: Chairman Raymond Buckley and Manchester City Chairman Gene Martin

Co-Sponsors: Senate President Donna Soucy, NH AFL-CIO President Glenn Brackett, Mark MacKenzie, Janice Kelble, State Rep. Patty Cornell, Sean Doyle

Date Submitted: April 19, 2020

### Memorializing the Honorable David W. McCloskey

A Resolution related to the honoring the Honorable David W. McCloskey offered by Chairman Raymond Buckley and Manchester City Chairman Gene Martin, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, David McCloskey passed away in January of 2020; and

WHEREAS, David McCloskey was a lifelong Manchester resident who served his country in the Army National Guard for 20 years, worked as a mail handler for the United States Postal Service and advocated for union members as a political coordinator for the National Postal Mail Handlers Union Local 301 for nearly more than two decades.

WHEREAS, David McCloskey was elected by the voters of Manchester's Ninth Ward to represent them in the New Hampshire House of Representative on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, David McCloskey spent his life making a difference for others through his commitment to the Democratic Party and Organized Labor; and



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant David McCloskey the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party and working people; and

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

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## **Resolution 9**

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Vivian McGuire

Primary Sponsor: Nashua Democratic City Committee

Co-Sponsors: Rep. Michael Pedersen, JoAnne St. John

Date Submitted: April 18, 2020

### Memorializing Vivian McGuire

A Resolution related to the honoring of Vivian McGuire offered by the Nashua Democratic City Committee, for consideration by the virtual New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, Vivian McGuire passed away on December 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Vivian McGuire served as an active member of the Nashua Democratic City Committee and as a Selectman in Nashua Ward 9; and

WHEREAS, Vivian McGuire was a founding member of Congregation Betenu in Nashua where she was the 2018 recipient of the Shem Tov (The Good Name) Award which recognizes volunteers across New Hampshire for their contributions to the Jewish community, and

WHEREAS, Vivian McGuire was the loving wife of her late husband Kevin and mother of her late son Shaun and mother of her daughter Maureen and two grandchildren, and

WHEREAS, Vivian McGuire spent her adult life promoting Democratic causes and humanitarian ideals; and

WHEREAS, Vivian McGuire was active in numerous community organizations and activities; and





THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grants Vivian McGuire the highest praise and accolades for her dedication and commitment to the Democratic Party, her state, her beloved City of Nashua and to social justice; and

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

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***

## **Resolution 10**

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Macy Morse

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Renny Cushing

Co-Sponsors: Burt Cohen, Dudley Dudley, Judith Kauffman, Robin Read

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

### A Resolution To Honor the Legacy of Macy Morse, 1921-2019

WHEREAS, Macy Elkins Morse spent more than 60 years working for peace, justice, gender equality and democracy in New Hampshire and the world;

WHEREAS, Macy Morse worked enthusiastically with the New Hampshire Democratic Party in Nashua, NH, including in the presidential campaigns of John F. Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy and the gubernatorial campaign of John King;

WHEREAS, Macy Morse created the Portsmouth-Severodvinsk Connection, an ambitious, post-Cold War citizen-exchange program with Russia;

WHEREAS, Macy Morse, following her conscience, turned to direct action and civil disobedience to protest war and the proliferation of nuclear weapons and nuclear power;

WHEREAS, Macy Morse showed a commitment to nonviolence in all she did, and was willing to accept the consequences of her actions, including arrest and jail sentences;

WHEREAS, Macy Morse's activism continues to serve as an example of how direct, collective action not only can, but often must, be a powerful influencer of politics and policy; and

WHEREAS, Macy Morse did all this and still found time to raise 13 children, dance, sing and laugh;



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Hampshire Democratic Party honors the life, the work and the example of Macy Elkins Morse;

AND MAY IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Hampshire Democratic Party acknowledges and honors the powerful role citizen direct action plays in shaping policies and politics.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***

## **Resolution 11**

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Frank J. Murphy

Primary Sponsor: Kathleen O'Donnell

Co-Sponsor: Inga Hansen

Date Submitted: April 16, 2020

### Memorializing Frank J. Murphy

WHEREAS, Frank was a proud, active and enthusiastic Democrat;

WHEREAS, Frank served as the Democratic chair of the city of Keene for many years, and served as a New Hampshire Democratic Party delegate even longer;

WHEREAS, Frank would do whatever was needed at any time for any Democratic candidate; and

WHEREAS, Frank was known for putting up an extraordinary number of Democratic political signs; and

WHEREAS, Frank would stand vigil to protest the Iraq War faithfully every Saturday in downtown Keene for years; and

WHEREAS, Frank advocated for the rights of children, having worked with children who had special needs for years; and for the rights of veterans, including providing rides to appointments, making calls to elected officials, and helping veterans obtain their rights; and

WHEREAS, Frank was known to never say an unkind word about a fellow Democrat; and

WHEREAS, Frank was encouraging and supportive to all who wanted to become engaged in Democratic causes; and



WHEREAS, Frank was a strong supporter of voters' rights, ease of registration, and especially the rights of students and would regularly work with Keene State students.

WHEREAS, Frank could tell a good Irish tale channeling his ancestors and welcomed all with good humor, and was an even better listener; and

WHEREAS, Frank passed away on March 24, 2020 after a lengthy illness, leaving good memories for all who knew and loved him; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the New Hampshire Democratic Party, meeting in convention on May 9, 2020 honors the memory and legacy of Frank J. Murphy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the friends and family of Frank J. Murphy.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## Resolution 12

Topic: A resolution honoring the life and legacy of the late Arthur Porter Palmer of Claremont

Primary Sponsor: State Rep. John Cloutier of Claremont

Co-Sponsors: Sullivan County Democratic Chair Judith Kaufman of Cornish

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

A resolution honoring the late Arthur Porter Palmer was offered for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Sat., May 9, 2020

WHEREAS, Claremont and Sullivan County learned with great sadness a few months ago of the passing of Arthur Porter Palmer, who passed away at his winter home in St. Petersburg, Florida on Nov. 18, 2019 at age 95.

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer was a lifelong New Hampshire citizen, born in Manchester on July 30, 1924, and moving to Claremont at age 16 so as to work at the Goodyear Rubber Company in neighboring Windsor, Vermont.

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer was a World War II veteran, proudly served in the United States Navy, and saw action in the European and Pacific Theaters of the war, including North Africa, Sicily, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa.

WHEREAS, after the war, Mr. Palmer became active in the United Rubber Workers Union, including service on the Vermont Executive AFL-CIO Board as well as later serving as President of the Goodyear Retirees.

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer was a dedicated Claremont citizen helping to improve the youngsters' lives by starting the local Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball Programs as well as becoming one of the founding members of the Junior Sports League. He also officiated as an umpire or referee for several sports.

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer served New Hampshire as 15-year consumer representative on



the State Electricians Board, and Sullivan County as an Executive Board Member of the Claremont Congress of Senior Citizens.

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer was an active member of the Democratic Party in both the States of New Hampshire and Vermont- serving one term as Claremont Democratic Party Chair, two terms as Sullivan County Democratic Chair, and running on the Democratic ticket as a candidate for office in Sullivan County Government.

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lorraine Palmer, who was an active union member herself, and served in the New Hampshire House of Representatives for three terms in the 1990s. Also four children, 12 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. One child, his son Brian Bourgoine, predeceased him in 2017.

WHEREAS, The New Hampshire Democratic Party honors the life and legacy of Arthur Porter Palmer, and extends its sincerest condolences to his family by adopting this resolution.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



### **Resolution 13**

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Lenore Patton

Primary Sponsor: Hampton Town Democratic Committee

Co-Sponsors: Gary Patton, Pam and Don Jorgensen

Date Submitted: April 17, 2020

A resolution related to the honoring of Lenore Patton offered by the Hampton Town Democratic Committee, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, Lenore (Baumritter) Patton passed away on October 8, 2018 at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, Lenore was a passionate advocate for social and economic justice and especially for women's issues; founding the Alice Paul House, a domestic violence and rape crisis center in Indiana, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Lenore served as Chairperson of the Indiana (Pennsylvania) County Democratic Committee and after retiring to Hampton in 1997 also served as the Chairperson of the Rockingham County Democratic Committee; and

WHEREAS, Lenore along with her husband Gary re-invigorated the Hampton Town Democratic and Rockingham County Democratic Committee and established both as a voice and vehicle for positive change in Southeastern New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Lenore was a mentor and advisor to candidates up and down the ballot and campaign workers alike; and

WHEREAS, her ceaseless commitment to social and economic justice, equal rights for all individuals and commitment to speaking truth to power are an inspiration to this and future generations,





THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Lenore Patton the highest praise and accolades for her dedication and efforts to improve our Democracy; and

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

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## Resolution 14

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Philip Rowe

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Peter Somssich

Co-Sponsors: N/A

Date Submitted: April 12, 2020

### Memorializing Philip Rowe

A resolution related to the honoring of Philip Rowe offered by State Representative Peter Somssich, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention May 2020.

WHEREAS, Philip Rowe passed away in December of 2019; and

WHEREAS, Philip Rowe along with his wife, Pat, were active members of the Portsmouth Democrats, as well as working as a poll workers, with Phil also serving on the Portsmouth Executive Committee as Membership Chair; and

WHEREAS, Philip Rowe contributed significantly building up the Portsmouth Democrats in the years 2008 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, Philip Rowe was a true Portsmouth loyalist, having been born in Portsmouth, and attending UNH prior to service in the U.S. Army and subsequently having a 31-year career teaching Spanish and coaching x-country runners; but also taking the time to enjoy politics and the Kentucky Derby;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Philip Rowe the highest praise and accolades for their dedication to the Democratic Party, their State of New Hampshire; and

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



***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***

## **Resolution 15**

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Eva Sartwell

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Katherine Rogers

Co-Sponsor: Chairman Raymond Buckley

Date Submitted: April 4, 2020

A resolution celebrating the contributions of the late Eva Sartwell of Concord to the New Hampshire Democrats.

WHEREAS, Eva (Couillard) Sartwell was born on September 10, 1923 in Williamstown, Vermont where she lived on the family farm, raising animals, growing and preserving food, and tapping maple trees. She was one of 17 children, 15 of whom were boys, and

WHEREAS, Eva was appointed to the first Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, and in 1972 she was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Miami, and

WHEREAS, she went door to door working to get out the vote for George McGovern's presidential campaign, the beginning of a lifetime of assisting campaigns of democratic candidates from city council to President, and

WHEREAS, she helped start the Concord Peace Center, where she helped council conscientious objectors, and

WHEREAS, She started and ran The Hilltop Day Nursery at home for many years and eventually took a part-time job at Stop and Shop where she became a union leader - campaigning and winning benefits for part-time workers, and

WHEREAS, Eva attended the Founding Conference for the Coalition of Labor Union Women, organized state retirees, and was vice president of the New Hampshire Council of the AFL/CIO. She served on the executive board of the State's Democratic Party. She



promoted Chavez's grape boycott, advocating for farm workers, and lead a local meat boycott, and

WHEREAS, Eva always said, "If you do nothing, you deserve what you get." and

WHEREAS, On December 20, 2019, Eva Sartwell, 96, a long time resident of Concord, and the loving mother of seven children, passed away following a short illness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention celebrates and give thanks for the life and efforts of Eva Sartwell.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***

## **Resolution 16**

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Richard Stuart

Primary Sponsor: Bonnie (Cummings) Wright

Co-Sponsors: N/A

Date Submitted: April 17, 2020

Memorializing the Honorable Rev. Dr. Richard “Dick” Stuart

A Resolution related to honoring Richard “Dick” Stuart offered by Bonnie (Cummings) Wright for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, Dick Stuart passed away on November 30 of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dick Stuart’s commitment to Democratic values were highly respected; and

WHEREAS, Dick Stuart served as the Chair of the Sandwich Town Democrats and as a New Hampshire State Representative, and

WHEREAS, Dick Stuart served as associate pastor in churches in Portsmouth and Laconia, as well as Kogarah, Australia; and

WHEREAS, Dick Stuart served as a counselor to many, both informally and formally including as a school guidance counselor, pastoral counselor, and with Genesis Counseling Services; and

WHEREAS, Dick Stuart and his loving wife Ruth were engaged in many peace and social justice issues, including PFLAG and Alzheimer’s Disease; and

WHEREAS, Dick Stuart served and connected people across the globe, through meaningful travel with Habitat for Humanity and other peace-building groups; and



WHEREAS, Dick Stuart was a fierce and passionate warrior for peace, justice, equality, inclusiveness and the environment, whose passion for the issues he believed in were contagious; and

WHEREAS, Dick Stuart was a voice for the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association; and

WHEREAS, Dick Stuart was a very wonderful, inspiring, amazing, warm-hearted, loving and loveable humanitarian; a man of integrity and humor, with a big heart and a good soul, a friend who gave so much to others, and will be remembered by those who knew him as an example of humanity at its best; and

WHEREAS, 10 days before his death, Dick Stuart was protesting at the School of the Americas Watch at the Wall in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico and at Eloy Detention Center (west of Tucson at the Mexican border); and

WHEREAS, Dick Stuart changed and impacted so many lives, prompting over 1,000 comments on his Facebook page upon notice of his death, and resulting in standing room only at the celebration of his life,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Richard “Dick” Stuart the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the NHDP and the Democratic Party, and his commitment to fight for those in his community and across the globe;

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

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## **Resolution 17**

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Mary Sysyn

Primary Sponsor: Judy Reardon

Co-Sponsors: Senate President Donna Soucy, Senator Lou D'Allesandro, Chairman Raymond Buckley, DNC Committeewoman Kathy Sullivan, Manchester Chairman Gene Martin

Date Submitted: April 15, 2020

### Memorializing the Honorable Mary Sysyn

A Resolution related to honoring the Honorable Mary Sysyn offered by Judy Reardon for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, Mary Sysyn passed away in March of 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sysyn was a lifelong Manchester resident and a successful restaurateur; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sysyn served her community at the local and state level by serving as an Alderman and State Representative; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sysyn spent her time making a difference for others through her steadfast commitment to the City of Manchester; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Mary Sysyn the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party and working people; and

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





***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***

## **Resolution 18**

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Connie Varnum

Primary Sponsor: Sue Jonas

Co-Sponsor: N/A

Date Submitted: April 18, 2020

### Memorializing Connie Varnum

WHEREAS, Connie Varnum was a proud New Hampshire Democrat from Frankestown; and

WHEREAS, Connie had been born and had lived her entire life in Frankestown; and

WHEREAS, Connie was a Board member of the G.H.Bixby Memorial Library and a beloved volunteer in the Children's Room where she passed on her love of reading; and

WHEREAS, Connie helped launch the Frankestown Conservation Commission, and was an ardent supporter of local conservation initiatives, such as the Frankestown Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, Connie organized and founded the Frankestown Democratic Committee by identifying and mobilizing local Democrats to contribute funds and work on the campaigns of Democratic candidates; and

WHEREAS, Connie was a local representative for the League of Women Voters; and

WHEREAS, Connie, every two years made sure that her property, in a prime location along the route to the Town Transfer Station, was transformed into a major "can't be missed", display site for the Democratic candidates' signs; and

WHEREAS, Connie passed away on October 30, 2019 at the age of 98, in Frankestown;



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the New Hampshire Democratic Party, meeting in convention on May 9, 2020, salutes the life of Connie Varnum and expresses great gratitude to her many decades of work to make our state better and party stronger.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## Resolution 19

Topic: A Resolution Honoring State Representative Robert “Bob” Walsh Jr.

Primary Sponsor: Manchester City Chairman Gene Martin

Co-Sponsors: Senate President Donna Soucy, Speaker Steve Shurtleff, Senator Lou D’Allesandro, NHDP Chair Raymond Buckley, DNC Committeewoman Kathy Sullivan, State Rep. Chris Herbert, State Rep. Mary Heath, State Rep. Patty Cornell, Sean Doyle, Judy Reardon

Date Submitted: April 8, 2020

### Memorializing State Representative Robert “Bob” Walsh Jr

A Resolution related to the honoring the Honorable Bob Walsh Jr. offered by Manchester City Chairman Gene Martin, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, Bob Walsh Jr. passed away in July of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Bob Walsh Jr. was serving his fourth term as a member of the NH House of Representatives representing Manchester’s Fourth Ward; and

WHEREAS, Bob Walsh Jr. was a true gentleman who was well-liked by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Bob Walsh Jr. was a smart and dedicated public servant who brought 57 years of experience has a certified public accountant to his legislative duties; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Bob Walsh the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, and commitment to his city; and

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



***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***

**Resolution 20**

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Roger T. Zerba

Primary Sponsor: Kathleen O'Donnell

Co-Sponsor: Carl DeMatteo

Date Submitted: April 16, 2020

Memorializing Roger T. Zerba

WHEREAS, Roger was an enthusiastic Democrat; and

WHEREAS, Roger was an active member of his community, serving as an elected Democratic Cheshire County Commissioner for 12 years, a position he truly loved; and

WHEREAS, Roger served as Keene City Councilor for 10 years;

WHEREAS, Roger served as an elected Democrat as a Cheshire County Treasurer for one term as well as NH State Representative for 4 years; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Roger volunteered at Cheshire Medical Center, American Red Cross, and the Monadnock Humane Society; and

WHEREAS, Roger was active with youth sports following his children in their many activities, coaching soccer, baseball and ice hockey with which his children were active throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Roger was a proud and loving father and beloved grandfather whose love and dedication to his grandchildren will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Roger passed away on October 24, 2018 at the age of 77 from complications of MSA (Multiple Systems Atrophy) leaving behind his loving and devoted wife Louise, daughter Catherine; sons Tom, Jim, and Mark; and



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the New Hampshire Democratic Party, meeting in convention on May 9, 2020 honors the memory and legacy of Roger T. Zerba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to the friends and family of Roger T. Zerba.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## Resolution 21

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Edwin James “Ed” Allard III

Primary Sponsor: Carlos E. Cardona

Co-Sponsors: Ryan Richman, Mo Baxley

Date Submitted: 04/17/2020

### Memorializing Edwin James “Ed” Allard III

WHEREAS, Edwin James “Ed” Allard III was a proud New Hampshire Democrat; and

WHEREAS, Ed was an adjunct instructor of American history at Fordham and Jersey City State College; and

WHEREAS, Ed was also a lifelong LGBTQ+ activist; and

WHEREAS, Ed was a volunteer worker on Presidential campaigns from George McGovern to Barack Obama as well as many Federal, state and local ones; and

WHEREAS, Ed served as co-chair of New Hampshire Stonewall Democrats, chairman of the Belknap County Democrats, chairman of Laconia Democrats and ran for state representative in 2008 and 2010;

WHEREAS, Ed passed away November 15, 2019 at age 68, in Laconia, NH leaving an amazing and supportive husband Tony;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the New Hampshire Democratic Party, meeting in convention on May 9th 2020, salutes the life of Edwin James “Ed” Allard III and expresses great gratitude to his many decades of work to make our state better and party stronger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to his husband Werner "Tony" Dietrich.





***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## Resolution 22

Topic: A Resolution Honoring William “Billy” J. Donovan

Primary Sponsor: Ryan Richman

Co-Sponsors: N/A

Date Submitted: April 19, 2020

### Memorializing William “Billy” J. Donovan

WHEREAS, William “Billy” J. Donovan was a proud New Hampshire Democrat; and

WHEREAS, Billy was a proud member of the State Employees Union-Sheriff's Department Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Billy, alongside his wife Terri, passionately advocated for working families and supporting the work of union members; and

WHEREAS, Billy knew the 2020 elections would be the most consequential of our lifetime and actively supported Democrats up and down the ticket; and

WHEREAS, Billy passed away April 12, 2020, in Gilmanton ,NH leaving behind his partner in labor advocacy of 28 years, Terri;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the New Hampshire Democratic Party, meeting in convention on May 9th 2020, salutes the life of William “Billy” J. Donovan and expresses great gratitude to his many decades of work to advocate for working Granite Staters and his hard work for New Hampshire Democrats everywhere.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to his wife Terri Donvon.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## **Resolution 23**

Topic: A Memorial Resolution honoring the Hon. Brendon S. Browne

Primary Sponsor: Hon. Michael Rollo

Co-Sponsors: Hon. Caitlin Rollo, Hon. Sarah Hutz-Simmons, Gene Martin, Karen Ladd

Date submitted: April 16, 2020

A Memorial Resolution honoring the late Brendon Spencer Browne, Representative of the City of Dover, offered by the New Hampshire Democratic Party, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, Brendon S. Browne was elected by the people of Dover Wards 1 and 2 to represent them in the NH House of Representatives for the first time in 2006, and re-elected in 2008 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, Brendon S. Browne served with distinction as a member of the Fish and Game and Judiciary committees, where he was proud to stand up for the civil rights of all of New Hampshire's residents; and

WHEREAS, Brendon S. Browne served the New Hampshire Democratic Party as Political Director from 2010 to 2012, where he secured the record of most special election wins by Democrats; and

WHEREAS, Brendon S. Browne was a proud product and supporter of New Hampshire public schools, including Manchester High School West, the University of New Hampshire, and the University of New Hampshire School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Brendon S. Browne fought for strong public schools as the Government Relations Director for the National Education Association- NH up until his untimely passing; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Brendon Browne the highest praise and accolades for his



dedication to the Democratic Party, his state, and his commitment to social justice and public education; and

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

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***

## **Resolution 24**

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Lawrence “Larry” S. Finkelstein

Primary Sponsor: Claire Helfman

Co-Sponsors: Senator Bette Lasky

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

### Memorializing Lawrence “Larry” S. Finkelstein

A Resolution memorializing and honoring Lawrence “Larry” S. Finkelstein of Hollis/Nashua, New Hampshire

WHEREAS, Larry was a dynamic and influential person who touched the lives of those sound him; and

WHEREAS, Larry began his career in international affairs in 1944 interning with the State Department’s Office of Political Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Larry was an intern to Ralph Bunch, an Undersecretary of State of the UN, and created a national speaking series about the work of Ralph Bunch; and

WHEREAS, Larry was selected to accompany the United States Delegation to the San Francisco Conference on the United Nations Charter and served in the United Nations Secretariat from 1946 to 1949; and

WHEREAS, Larry served many decades in the public sector as well as higher education at such positions as Director of Studies and Vice President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1952-1965, and in the US Department of Defense. He entered academia in 1966 serving as Dean of the Graduate School at Brandeis University, 1967-1969, and Secretary of the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 1969-1973, and Professor of Political Science at Northern Illinois University from 1973-1995; and



WHEREAS, Larry spent his years in retirement being an active member of the Hollis Democrats and the Nashua City Committee, and ran for office whenever needed, and contributed greatly to the growth of the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Larry passed away February 13, 2019 and is survived by his wife, Non Finkelstein and his daughter Susan Zinn and children and grandchildren.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant's Lawrence "Larry " S. Finkelstein, a man known to say, "I've done some interesting things in my life", the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party and working people.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## Resolution 25

Topic: Resolution honoring Sylvia Chaplain

Primary Sponsor: Chairman Raymond Buckley

Co-Sponsor: Senate President Donna Soucy

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

### Resolution honoring Sylvia Chaplain

WHEREAS, Sylvia Chaplain was deeply committed to social equity and justice, politics and education; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Chaplain was a woman of integrity and had a commanding presence and never hesitated to share her opinions; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Chaplain has been fondly described as "a force of nature, a warm and intelligent tornado" as well as a hurricane, a whirlwind, irascible, a quick wit, intelligent, articulate, and an inspiration to women; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Chaplain continually fought to encourage positive changes in the world through social and political action; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Chaplain served as Chair of the N.H. Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, was a member of board of directors of the Child and Family Services of N.H., a N.H. Democratic State Committee member, President of B'nai B'rith, Chief Executive of the N.H. Commission on the Arts, a member of the Board of Directors of the N.H. NAACP, Chairman of the N.H. Chapter of the Anti-Defamation League, Director of the N.H. Council on World Affairs, N.H. Commission on the status of women, on the subcommittee on Health and Welfare, and on the steering committee of the N.H. Women's Political Caucus, among others; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Chaplain was an extremely active lifelong Democrat and ran for U.S. Congress in 1972 and 1974 in N.H.'s first congressional district; and.



WHEREAS, Sylvia Chaplain proudly worked for presidential campaigns of Stevenson, McCarthy, McGovern, Udall, Dukakis and Obama; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Chaplain's passion and ideals lead to some unique criticism from the infamous William Loeb, the publisher of the Manchester Union Leader newspaper, who once called her a cross between Genghis Khan and Attila the Hun, of which she was always quite proud; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Sylvia Chaplain the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party and deep commitment to social equity and justice, politics and education;

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

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***





## **Resolution 26**

Topic: Memorializing Noreen Virginia (Lovering) McCarthy

Primary Sponsor: Senate President Donna Soucy

Co-Sponsor: N/A

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

### Memorializing Noreen Virginia (Lovering) McCarthy

A Resolution related to honoring the life and contributions of the Noreen Virginia (Lovering) McCarthy of Manchester, New Hampshire.

WHEREAS, Noreen passed away on December 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Noreen lead a life trying to make New Hampshire and the world a better place for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Noreen was an anti-war advocate throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Noreen was the first female delegate elected for Jimmy Carter's primary win and served as Clerk of the New Hampshire Delegation at the National Democratic Convention in New York City.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grants the Noreen Virginia (Lovering) McCarthy the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party and the community.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## Resolution 27

Topic: Memorializing the Honorable Fernand "Fern" Gelinás

Primary Sponsor: Senate President Donna Soucy

Co-Sponsors: N/A

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

### Memorializing the Honorable Fernand "Fern" Gelinás

A Resolution related to honoring the life and contributions of the Fernand "Fern" Gelinás of Manchester, New Hampshire.

WHEREAS, Fern passed away on October 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Fern was a veteran of the United States Navy serving on the USS Midway; and

WHEREAS, Fern was an active member of many community groups including the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Fern worked for many years for Nissan Baking Company; and

WHEREAS, Fern served many on Commissions in Manchester city government including the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Manchester Police Commission rising to the leadership role of Chairman for both; and

WHEREAS, Fern was elected by the people of Ward 7 to serve as their Alderman; and

WHEREAS, Fern ran for Mayor of Manchester; and

WHEREAS, Fern was known as a gentleman's gentleman always impeccably dressed and professional in his appearance; and



WHEREAS, Fern could always be seen around Manchester going to mass or to lunch with his beloved wife Jeannette; and

WHEREAS, Fern had such great pride for his sons Donald and David.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grants the Honorable Fernand "Fern" Gelinas the highest praise and accolades for his dedication to the Democratic Party and the community.

***Committee Vote, 5-0-0***



## **Resolution 28**

Topic: A Resolution Honoring All Democrats Who Have Passed

Primary Sponsor: Senator Bette Lasky

Co-Sponsor: N/A

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

### Memorializing All Democrats Who Have Passed

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Democratic Party and the broader State of New Hampshire lost valued members and leaders in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, they were tireless and outspoken advocates of Democracy; and

WHEREAS, their actions inspired countless others to become effective advocates and leaders; and

WHEREAS, they were much loved and respected by family, friends, and fellow Democrats; and

WHEREAS, their true legacy lies in the profound effect they had on the men and women of the Democratic Party and the state of New Hampshire; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we recognizes their significant contributions over the course of their distinguished life's and mourn their deaths on this day.