

**North Carolina Democratic Party
2006 State Convention Resolutions
June 24th, 2006**

PART I: NORTH CAROLINA

ELECTION REFORM IN N. C.

1. For Preserving and Protecting SL2005-323 “The Public Confidence in Elections Act”

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party and elected and appointed Democratic officials urge the North Carolina General Assembly to not make changes to the SL2005-323 – the Public Confidence in Elections Act - during the upcoming Short Session to prevent counties from delaying purchase of election systems that comply with North Carolina and Federal laws; and be it further

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party and elected and appointed Democratic officials urge the members of the various county Boards of Elections and County Commissioners to purchase voting machine equipment and cease trying to delay or eliminate state elections mandates required by SL2005-323 - the Public Confidence in Elections Act; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls on the State of North Carolina to further enhance public confidence in elections by a continued and rigorous enforcement of NC General Statute 163-165.4, which calls for readily discernible, unambiguous election ballots.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

2. For Allowing Same-Day Registration in Early Voting

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party endorses the concept of Same-Day Registration in early voting, and urges Democratic legislators to support HB 851, and urges that Same-Day Registration be allowed immediately in the 2006 elections, at one-stop, early voting sites in all one hundred counties.

Passed by District #2

3. Urging Passage of “Instant Run-Off Voting” Bill

Be it therefore resolved: That the North Carolina Democratic Party urge the North Carolina Democratic Party to urge the Democratic members of the North Carolina Senate to support HB 1024.

Be it further resolved: That the North Carolina Democratic Party appeal to Senator Nesbitt to exercise his leadership so that Buncombe County may be selected as one of the first ten pilot counties.

Passed by Buncombe County and submitted to District 11. This resolution was previously passed by Buncombe County and District 11 in 2005. It has been moved to the Legislature, where it was passed in the House as HB 1024, and currently awaits action by the House for Compact Drawing of Legislative and Congressional Districts

5. For Campaign Reform and Voter-Owned Elections

RESOLVED that Democratic Party of North Carolina urges the NC General Assembly and Governor to enact a Voter-Owned, Clean Elections program for state elections similar to the public financing alternative now available for statewide judicial candidates in North Carolina and to programs in states as diverse as Arizona and Maine. Such a program provides a competitive amount of campaign money to candidates who:

- a) voluntarily agree to strict campaign spending limits and
- b) demonstrate broad support by gathering hundreds of small donations from registered voters in the relevant district. Such a program should be funded by a \$10 check off on the North Carolina income tax form and by closing tax loopholes or other means that result in no tax increase for the average taxpayer.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

6. For Public Financing of National Elections in N.C.

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina is committed to the public financing of elections for national public office, and urges Congress and our State Legislature to enact legislation to this effect.

Passed by District #4

7. For Broadening the Scope of the Voter-Owned Elections Bill

Resolved: that NC Legislature expand the scope of the Voter Owned Elections Bill (S-1042) to include voluntary public funding for campaigns for the Legislature, the Council of State, and the Governor.

Passed by District #11

8. For Restoring Integrity to the Appointment of State Board of Elections

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urges all elected and appointed Democratic officials to publicly oppose the removal of checks and balances on the appointment of members to the North Carolina State Board of Elections giving such unchecked power to ANY North Carolina Governor of ANY political party; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urges all elected and appointed Democratic officials to publicly support legislation that restores the language of the relevant statute from “may” to “shall”, restoring the checks and balances over the regulation of the conduct of elections and financing of political campaigns.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

9. For Reasonable Filing Fees for Candidates

Resolved: That filing fees for office be set at a nominal amount that enable easy access for those willing to serve in public office. No filing fee should exceed \$250, and town and county offices should not exceed \$50.

Passed by District #11.

10. For Proportional Allotment of Presidential Electors

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of an apportioned method of awarding presidential electors to presidential candidates, in which a presidential candidate would be awarded the percentage of North Carolina’s presidential electors approximately equal to the percentage of North Carolina’s popular vote received.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #11, #13

11. For Adequate Funding of the State Board of Elections in N.C.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, both major political parties vigorously embark on a program demanding the legislature adequately fund the State Board of Elections so the duties assigned to them under the law are carried out,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the parties owe the citizens of North Carolina an honest, forthright, up-front clean election process, and the Wake Democratic Party calls upon both parties for a pledge to do this.

Passed by District #2, #4, #5, #13

12. Resolution on Listening to the People

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party condemns Fifth District Congresswoman Virginia Foxx for failing to take questions from constituents during her recent "listening tour" and that she refuses to meet with some citizens.

Passed by District #5

ENERGY ISSUES IN N.C.

13. For a 21st Century Energy Policy in N.C.

Therefore be it resolved that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls upon the legislature to enact legislation to support and develop solar, wind and other energy sources, not including nuclear power, in North Carolina to lessen the need to burn fuels that create pollutants and greenhouse gasses.

Be it further resolved that the North Carolina Democratic Party shall send a copy of this resolution to the North Carolina legislature.

Passed by District #13

14a. For a State Study of “Least Cost Mix of Energy Generation and Demand”

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party urges the state legislature to adopt legislation to commission a comprehensive study that determines the "least cost mix of generation and demand" as required by GS 62-2(3a); and be it further

RESOLVED that such a study must include all costs, including "hidden costs" of each energy system, including public health, environmental and other external impacts of the full fuel cycle, including the costs of all federal and state taxpayer subsidies; and be it further

RESOLVED that the study place an equal premium on human health and environmental quality as it places on low cost and reliability; and be it further

RESOLVED that the study should be completed within twelve months; and be it further

RESOLVED that the study should include a plan to put demand reduction achievement into the utility rate base; and be it further

RESOLVED that the recommendations of this study must be applied to all future decisions concerning the technologies for both supply (nuclear/coal vs. wind/solar/biomass) and demand reduction (conservation and efficiency); and be it finally

RESOLVED that the legislation require that the state Utilities Commission grant no licenses or permits for new nuclear, coal, or gas generating plants except as consistent with the recommendations of this study.

Passed by District #2, #4, #5, #13

14 b. For a State Study of “Least Cost Mix of Generation and Demand”

Resolved: that the NC Legislature commission a comprehensive study that determines the “least cost mix of generation and demand” as required by GS 62-(3a), and must include all costs of each energy system, including public health, environmental and other impacts of the full cycle, i.e., externalities.

Passed by District #11

15. In Opposition to Proposed New Reactors at the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant

RESOLVED that the Fifth Congressional Democratic Party strongly urge the Orange County Board of Commissioners as well as the county’s local governments to go on record opposing the licensing of any new nuclear reactors at the Shearon Harris Plant and that they communicate these resolutions to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the State Utility Commission, the other potentially impacted local governments and Progress Energy.

Passed by Districts #4, #5, #13

16. For Replacement of N.C.’s State-Owned Vehicles with Clean-Fuel Vehicles

Resolved: that the North Carolina Democratic Party urges the State of NC to purchase replacement vehicles that use clean-fuel, as defined by the US federal tax code.

Passed by District #11

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN N.C.

18a. For Impact Fees on New Construction

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party Carolina urge the North Carolina General Assembly to authorize North Carolina counties and municipalities to impose reasonable impact fees on new housing construction.

Passed by District 4

18.b. For Impact Fees in Rapidly Growing Counties

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls upon our Democratic legislators and Governor to authorize County Commissioners in rapidly growing counties (such as Wake) to impose reasonable impact fees on new construction.

Passed by District #2

19. Against Biological Warfare Defense Research in Populated Areas

RESOLVED that to ensure the protection of the health and safety of citizens as well as their civil liberties, the Democratic Party of North Carolina calls upon the North Carolina Legislature to create an independent committee to examine and address the risks of biodefense research in or near populated areas as well as an independent committee to conduct an in-depth review of legislation provisions triggered by biocontamination to ensure protection of civil liberties in event of an accidental or deliberate release of pathogens.

Passed by District #4

20. For *Clean Hog Farms Act* (HB 1532)

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of the Fourth Congressional District of North Carolina asks the State Democratic Party, as a matter of the highest priority, to communicate with Governor Easley and our members of the North Carolina General Assembly and urge them in the strongest terms to support the Clean Farms Act of 2005/HB 1532; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina supports the inclusion of provisions for the development and deployment of technologies for the recovery and use of methane from hog farm lagoons.

Passed by District #4

21. For Maintaining Coastal Zone Setbacks

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina asks the members of the North Carolina General Assembly to oppose any weakening of setback requirements for development in the coastal zone, including case by case variances.

Passed by District #4

22. For Green Building and Renewable Energy

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urges all government officials to endorse the concepts of daylighting, Green Building, and Renewable Energy Economic Development opportunities for our communities and our state.

Passed by District #2, #4

23. For a Bottle and Can Recycle/Return Law in N.C.

Therefore be it resolved that the North Carolina Democratic Party recommends to the legislature that the State develop and consider the adoption of an effective bottle and can return law.

Passed by District #13

24. Against Importation of Solid Waste from Out-of- State to Earn Revenue for Impoverished Rural Counties.

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party opposes importing waste from other states for revenue; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports efforts by state government to help develop sustainable, environmentally sensitive economic opportunities for rural communities.

Passed by District #13

25. For a Solid Waste Mega-Dump Moratorium

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urges the NC General Assembly to adopt a moratorium on commercial solid waste megadumps until their impacts can be studied in a legislative study commission and the views of the affected communities can be thoroughly assessed.

Passed by District #5

26. For Support of Appalachian Cultural Museum

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party wishes to convey its strongest endorsement for the continuation of the Appalachian Culture Museum by ASU in an accessible location beneficial to all the public who would appreciate and study the history and culture of the Southern Appalachian Region.

Passed by District #5

27. For Protection of Historic Sites in N.C. Counties

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party encourages local governments to update the list of historic sites in our respective counties and to undertake efforts to protect these sites.

Passed by District #2

28. For Measures to Combat Climate Change

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party encourages local governments to take action to help combat the increasingly catastrophic consequences of

climate change through whatever means possible, including forest protection, watershed and subdivision ordinances.

Passed by District #2

29. Against UNC Medical Center Collection Practices

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party the state legislature to adopt legislation to prohibit the personnel review of the administrators of the University of North Carolina Medical Center from being contingent on the profit or loss of the Medical Center; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party North Carolina is opposed to the payment of large cash bonuses to the administrators of the University of North Carolina Medical Center contingent on its profit or loss; and be it finally

RESOLVED that this legislation prohibit aggressive bill collection by the Medical Center and provide specific humane guidelines for prepayments and bill collection.

Passed by District #4

HEALTH CARE ISSUES IN N.C.

30. For Support of “Right to Health Care” Bill in the N.C. House

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina asks the N.C. Democratic Party, as a matter of the highest priority, to communicate with Governor Easley and our members of the North Carolina General Assembly and urge them in the strongest terms to support Representative Verla Insko's Bill on the Right to Health Care (House Bill 1358) which would give the voters the opportunity to decide by referendum whether the North Carolina Constitution should be amended to guarantee that residents of our state enjoy the right to health care, as they do the right to education. If this bill passes it would mandate that General Assembly pass a plan to bring about affordable health care for all in the state; and be it finally

RESOLVED that Durham Representative Paul Luebke be commended for his co-sponsorship of this legislation.

Passed by Districts #4, #5, #1

31. For Support of Universal Health Care Bill

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls upon the state Democratic congressional delegation to sponsor legislation establishing a single payer health care system.

Passed by District #2

32 a. For Requiring Hospitals to Offer and Dispense Emergency Contraception (EC) to Victims of Rape and Incest

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina calls upon the NC General Assembly to require all NC Hospital emergency rooms to offer and dispense emergency contraception on-site to victims of rape or incest.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

32 b. For Requiring Hospitals to Offer and Dispense Emergency Contraception (EC) to Victims of Rape and Incest

Resolved: that North Carolina Democratic Party urges the NC General Assembly to require all hospital emergency rooms to offer emergency contraception on-site to victims of rape or incest.

Passed by District #11

33 a. For Increasing AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Eligibility

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urges the NC General Assembly should increase eligibility for ADAP program services for individuals with incomes up to two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level.

Passed by Districts #2, #4

33 b. For Passing NCH412 and S772 to Increase Funding of the AIDS Drug

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports passage in the 2006 short session of NC H412 and S772 -- legislation that appropriates \$6,500,000 per year for the next two years, allows expansion of the ADAP eligibility to 200 % of the federal poverty rate and achieves a NC eligibility rate on a par with South Carolina and Virginia.

Passed by District #13

34. For Mental Health Parity

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urges the U.S. Congress, and especially elected Democrats therein, to pursue a vote on the "Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act"; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urges the N.C. General Assembly, and especially elected Democrats therein, to pursue legislation mandating that insurance companies with policyholders in North Carolina provide full insurance coverage provided for mental health disorders equivalent to coverage for physical

illnesses and d, including dollar limits, day or visit limits, co-insurance, deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums.

Passed by District #4

35. For N.C. Legislators to Call for a Commission to Investigate the State’s System of Providing Mental Health Services at the Local Level

Therefore be it resolved that the North Carolina Democratic Party asks all State Representatives and Senators to call for a commission to thoroughly investigate the current system of providing mental health services at the local level and to call for increased funding for community-based mental health facilities, and to HALT any further downsizing of the services provided by these community-based mental health facilities.

Passed by District #7.

36. For Increased Medicaid Funding for Dental Care in North Carolina

The Democratic Party of North Carolina supports increased funding for Medicaid for dental care for indigent and working poor adults at sufficient levels to make it economically feasible for private dentists to treat that population.

Passed by District #4

37. For Roe v. Wade and Reproductive Justice in N.C.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party declares its position as supporting choice and for the continuation of Roe v. Wade as originally decided; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that as the federal support for reproductive justice is taken away, that the North Carolina General Assembly shall pass legislation to ensure that our state still affords its people reproductive justice with no net loss of rights or the practical ability to exercise those rights.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

38. For Research Into and Treatment of *TILT*

Resolved: that the North Carolina Democratic Party support those affected by TILT (Toxicant Induced Loss of Tolerance), and that NC support research into prevention and treatment, especially interventions for children with TILT.

Passed by District #11

EDUCATION ISSUES IN N.C.

39. For Expanded Funding of *Smart Start*

The Democratic Party of North Carolina supports continued and expanded legislative funding of Smart Start for safe and affordable day care for North Carolina families.

Passed by District #4

40. For Support of Regular Exercise Time in Schools

Therefore be it resolved that the Democratic party of North Carolina shall endorse legislation to require schools to provide an age-appropriate, fully funded and staffed program of a minimum of 30 minutes of regular exercise for every school child, not to the detriment of other programs.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to all members of the North Carolina congressional delegation.

Passed by District #13

41. For Reducing Testing in North Carolina's Public Schools

Therefore be it resolved that North Carolina Democratic Party declares that the testing requirements of No Child Left Behind and North Carolina's ABC's program are harmful to our educational system, that annual testing is not reasonable, and that reducing the emphasis on testing should be a priority of the N.C. General Assembly, the N.C. Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Be it further **resolved** that the North Carolina Democratic Party shall send a copy of this resolution to the N.C. Board of Education, to State Superintendent of Public Instruction June Atkinson, and to the N.C. General Assembly.

Passed by District #13

42. For Reducing University Tuition

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urges that tuition for all branches of the University of North Carolina be decreased by 10% for in-state students effective the fall of 2006. and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urges that no tuition increase be authorized for the next five years.

Passed by District #2, #4, #13

43 a. For Comprehensive Sex Education in N.C. Schools

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina calls upon the N.C. General Assembly to ensure that public school students in North Carolina receive medically and factually accurate comprehensive sex education; and be it further

RESOLVED that each board of education is hereby called upon to implement a comprehensive sex education curriculum.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

43 b. For Comprehensive Sex Education in N.C. Public Schools

Resolved: that the North Carolina Democratic Party urges the NC General Assembly to assure that NC public school students receive medically and factually accurate comprehensive sex education.

Passed by District #11

44. For *Equal* Distribution of Resources and Evaluation in Public Schools

Be it resolved that the North Carolina Democratic Party urge Democrats to work to promote an equitable distribution of academic resources as well as fair evaluations of academic performance to include both students and teachers.

Passed by District #13

46 a. For Better Allocation of Funds from the State Lottery

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urges the NC State Legislature to honor its original intent, that lottery proceeds would ADD to education Funds and not REPLACE them.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

46 b. For Better Allocation of Funds from the State Lottery

Resolved: that North Carolina Democratic Party of North Carolina urge the NC General Assembly to repeal the existing distribution formula for Lottery capital school construction funds and distribute such funds on a per student population basis.

Passed by District #11

ANNEXATION ISSUES IN N.C.

48. For Local Voice in Cross County Annexations

RESOLVED that the NC Democratic Party supports changes in the laws of the State of North Carolina to require approval by the County Board of Commissioners for outside town or city annexations across their county line.

Passed by Districts #2, #4

EMPLOYMENT ISSUES IN N.C.

49 a. For Living Wage Legislation in N.C.

RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urge its members to seek to develop and promote legislation to ensure that American workers receive a living wage for their labor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Democratic members of the North Gen Assembly enact a law which establishes a minimum wage that is consistent with a “living wage” as defined by the US Department of Labor.

Passed by District #13

49 b. For a “Living Wage” in N.C.

Resolved: that NC Democratic Party support state and national initiatives for a Living Wage, raising wages for working families to a statewide average of \$10.60 per hour.

Passed by District #11

50. For Legislation Increasing N.C.’s Minimum Wage

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party urge the North Carolina Legislature raise the minimum wage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a yearly cost of living increase be added to the minimum wage

Passed by District #13

51. For Benefits for “Temporary” State Employees

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urge the North Carolina General Assembly to pass legislation providing that any state employee whose temporary employment period exceeds or has exceeded 12 consecutive months shall be automatically reclassified as a permanent state employee eligible for employment benefits including health benefits, retirement credit, paid leave, severance pay, and priority reemployment consideration.

Passed by District #4

52a. For Allowing Collective Bargaining by State Employees

RESOLVED the Democratic Party of North Carolina reassert our fundamental belief in the collective bargaining process as a means of serving the interests of both the employees and employer; and be it further

RESOLVED the Democratic Party of North Carolina encourage cooperation between employers and employees to assure productivity through fair and adequate employee compensation, benefits, safe, harmonious and healthy working conditions; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urge its elected officials to take the necessary action through legislation to give the state, county and municipal employees the right to bargain collectively.

Passed by Districts #4, #13

52b. For Allowing State Employees to Negotiate Contracts

RESOLVED, that the law be changed so that state workers, especially state teachers, may negotiate contracts in the future.

Passed by Districts #2, #13

53. For a Guest Worker Program in Agriculture

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party urge Congress to include a sensible guest worker program in any immigration reform and insure that the needs of agriculture-both farmers and farm workers-are met.

Passed by District #2

THE ECONOMY IN N.C.

54. For a Legislative Study Committee on Genetically Modified Crops

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina requests that the NC State Legislature take the following action on the matter of genetically modified crops; authorize a Legislative Study Committee to hold open and honest public dialogue on the risks and benefits of genetically modified crops, and to determine the impact of genetically modified crops on the co-existent non-GMO markets, specifically the growing organic market.

Passed by District #4

55. For Support of Local Businesses

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports local businesses through its own spending habits, looking at the true cost and benefits of shopping locally; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urge the elected representatives of the North Carolina Democratic Party to create legislation that encourages the state and local governments to support local businesses through fair legislation and through the governments' own spending habits, looking at the true cost and benefits of shopping locally.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, 13

56. For Support of Nontraditional Businesses

RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of North Carolina encourage local governments to investigate and support nontraditional business activities as part of county economic plans including eco-tourism and alternative energy enterprises.

Passed by District #2

57. Against High Property Taxes

Be it resolved that the Democratic Party of North Carolina shall recommit itself to preventing the excessive financial burden caused by property tax increases through the promotion of legislation stipulating a fair and equitable tax code.

Passed by District #13

58. For Providing Affordable Transportation for Senior Citizens

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party encourage local governments to develop resources sufficient to provide affordable transportation services for senior citizens.

Passed by District #2

GOVERNMENT ETHICS REFORM IN N.C.

59 a. For the Governmental Reform Plan of NCDP Chair Meek

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urge the General Assembly to adopt such legislation in their next session.

Passed by District #4

59 b. For the Government Reform Plan of NCDP Chair Meek

Resolved: that the 11th Congressional District Democratic Party delegates approve the 10 point 'Government Reform Plan' as proposed by Jerry Meek, Chair of NC Democratic Party on February 14th 2006:

- ✓ Legislation creating an independent ethics commission
- ✓ Legislation prohibiting candidates from transferring funds to another candidate or candidate's committee
- ✓ Legislation banning the conversion of campaign funds to personal use
- ✓ Immediate implementation of SB 612 creating new reporting requirements for lobbyists.
- ✓ Legislation establishing a one year waiting period, after the expiration of their term in off, before members of GS or Council of State could register as lobbyists.
- ✓ Legislation banning the use of special provisions in the State Budget.
- ✓ Legislation reducing the cap on individual contributions to political campaigns from \$4,000 to \$2,000

- ✓ Legislation banning all gifts from lobbyists to legislators, key executive branch officials, and their families.
- ✓ Legislation prohibiting the use of public funds to employ or contract with a lobbyist.
- ✓ Legislation requiring a three-day period to elapse between distribution of a proposed State Budget to members of the State House and Senate and the first vote on the proposed budget.

Passed by District #11

LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES IN N.C.

60. For Legislation to strengthen NC Child Pornography laws

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party urge our North Carolina Legislature, in this coming year to make it an urgent high priority to toughen the laws of our state with regard to child pornography, increasing penalties, closing loopholes, and providing funds crucial to the hiring of experts to fight this war against the exploitation of our children.

Passed by District #13

61. Against the Death Penalty in N.C.

Resolved: that the NCDP reaffirm its opposition to the continued use of capital punishment unless and until such time as the state implements policies and procedures which;

- insure that death penalty cases are administered fairly and impartially.
- Eliminate racial disparities in charging, sentencing and imposition;
- Prevent the execution of mentally disabled persons and persons who were under the age of 18 at time of their offenses.

Passed by District #11

62. For a Moratorium on Executions in N.C.

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party call upon our Democratic legislators and Governor to impose a two year moratorium on executions while the fairness and application of the death penalty are studied.

Passed by District #2.

PART II: THE NATION

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

63. For US Joining the Kyoto Treaty

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urge the United States Congress to pass legislation joining the world community in committing to the Kyoto treaty in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and be it finally

RESOLVED that protecting the environment must be one of the key ingredients in the Democratic platform.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

64 a. Against the Bush Proposal to Sell Public Lands

RESOLVED, that the NCDP strongly oppose the Bush administration's proposal to sell 300,000 acres of public lands throughout the United States, including almost 10,000 acres in the Uwharrie, Nantahala, Pisgah and Croatan National Forests of North Carolina; and be it further

RESOLVED, that once this proposal goes to public comment, the NCDP urge every NCDP member to register his/her opposition, in writing or by attending at a public hearing.

Passed by District #13.

64 b. Against Sale of National Forests

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that North Carolina Democratic Party fully support Governor Mike Easley's efforts at stopping these harmful land sales from ever occurring.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party demand that the Department of the Interior cease and desist with its plan to sell off many thousands of acres of pristine public lands and wilderness in North Carolina.

Passed by District #5

64 c. Against the Sale of Public Lands

Resolved: that the North Carolina Democratic Party urge our lawmakers to oppose with all their powers of persuasion, constitution and creativity all efforts by our national government to dispose of US Forest Service lands so that we, the citizens and our descendants, will be able to enjoy these precious common assets for the future generations.

Passed by District #11

65. Against the Walden Bill Removing Safeguards for Destructive Logging

Resolved: that HR 4200 introduced by Representative Walden, to waive critical environmental safeguards for destructive logging be strongly opposed by North Carolina's Congressional Representatives, and that a bill to restore the environmental protections which have been removed by the Bush Administration be introduced in Congress.

Passed by District #11

66 a. For Sustainability

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party support all forms of sustainable practices, including wind energy, hydro-electric energy, biodiesel, "zero waste" initiatives, and sustainable development.

Passed by District #5

66 b. For Laws Promoting Sustainability

Resolved: that the North Carolina Democratic Party be a leader in the state in promoting laws, both local and state, to promote a long-term strategy which will allow for sustainable growth that promotes quality-of-life issues, such as air, water, and land use, never forgetting that the life we live today will only be enhanced by affirming our duty to future generations to protect our land, our air, and our water.

Passed by District #11

67. For Management of Nonpoint Sources of Water Pollution

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party support the development of a flexible national program for the sustainable management of watersheds and their resources, which recognizes that the protection, preservation and enhancement of water resources is critical to the continued revitalization of the nations' cities and towns, and that clean water is necessary to maintain the quality of life in rural and urban communities, supporting recreational, historical, cultural and economic development activities across the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that watershed management provide for the comprehensive and integrated management of all water resources within natural drainage areas, regardless of political boundaries and that watershed management strategies represent the only workable framework through which the total resource and all the factors that impact water quality and uses can be addressed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the impacts on ground waters and surface waters, and associated threats to drinking water supplies from urban, suburban, rural, agricultural and other activities be addressed in an equitable manner ensuring that all sectors of

society are equally responsible and equally accountable for maintaining and improving the quality of the nation's waters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that existing programs must be integrated and coordinated to avoid duplication of efforts, that there must be processes for resolving inter-jurisdictional issues, and that adequate technical, scientific and financial resources must be made available to support what must be a long-term commitment to achieving the water quality goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state and federal clean water programs must provide for flexibility to establish watershed specific goals and priorities and to develop and implement innovative approaches (voluntary or regulatory, financial incentives, technical assistance, educational etc.) to solving water quality problems and include clear authority for necessary regulation of all sources of polluted runoff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that states have a role in ensuring that nonpoint source pollution is properly managed, including application of state enforcement powers to ensure compliance with a comprehensive nonpoint source management strategy.

Passed by District #5

NATIONAL ENERGY ISSUES

68. For National Environmental Energy Standards

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democrat Democratic Party promote a National Energy Policy that promotes American security, economic self-reliance, and the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democrat Democratic Party advocate raising National Fuel Economy Standards; and be it further

RESOLVED That the North Carolina Democratic Party seek tougher national emissions and pollution standards; and be it further

RESOLVED That the North Carolina Democrat Party seek ample funding to research and promote safe, clean, renewable alternative fuels and energy sources.

Passed by District #13

69. For Laws to Require Conservation of Energy

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina calls upon the federal and state governments to:

- Require production of cars and trucks with greater fuel efficiency;
- Encourage the research for and deployment of sustainable alternative fuels, including

solar energy, wind power, bio-diesel fuel, and methane from land fills;

- Eliminate the import duty on ethanol;
- Increase the availability and use of public transportation, especially in the Triangle Area;
- Create a purchase tax on low fuel efficiency vehicles, with the money collected used to provide greater transportation choices through investment in public transit, bike, and pedestrian safety improvements

Passed by District #4.

70. For Federal Funding to Support Research into Alternative Energy Sources

Resolved: that the North Carolina Democratic Party urge the US to fund research and programs to foster alternative energy sources to oil and nuclear energy, such a wind, solar, fuel cell, hydrogen, and ethanol, as well as practice conservation, and promote mass transit.

Passed by District #11

THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

71. Against Underfunded Mandates

Resolved: that the North Carolina Democratic Party urges that no under-funded mandates be legislated by Federal or State government without 2/3^{rds} majority prior approval by local or state government required to fund said mandates.,

Passed by District #11

72 a. For Legislation to Provide a “Living Wage” in N.C. and the Nation

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina:

- Calls for our local government bodies to extend the living wage requirement to employees of firms contracting with them, and subcontractors thereof, and that we will work with other community organizations to campaign for this purpose;
- Calls on the State legislature to enact a law which establishes a minimum wage that is consistent with a "living wage" as defined by the US Department of Labor to insure that anyone holding a job in the state of North Carolina receives adequate compensation for their labor, above the poverty level, and that this be periodically adjusted for inflation
- Calls on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation increasing the national minimum wage at least to adjust for the inflation of the last decades; and be it finally

RESOLVED that this intention be speedily communicated to the media and members of local governments and members of the Legislative and Congressional delegations of North Carolina..

Passed by District #4

72 b. For Legislation to Provide a Living Wage in N.C. and the Nation

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls upon Democratic legislators at all levels of government to support efforts to raise the minimum wage to a level consistent with a “living wage” as defined by the US Department of Labor.

Passed by District #2

72 c. For Legislation to Provide a Living Wage in N.C. and the Nation

Resolved: that NC Democratic Party support state and national initiatives for a Living Wage, raising wages for working families to a statewide average of \$10.60 per hour.

Passed by District #11 (In section on STATE issues?)

73. Raising Base Pay to 110% of federal poverty level

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports raising base pay for employees to 110% of the federal poverty level for a family of four.

Passed by District #5

74. Against Outsourcing American Jobs and Unfair Trade Agreements

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party oppose the outsourcing of U.S. jobs and opposes unfair global trade deals such as NAFTA, CAFTA, FTAA and GATT that have or will spur such outsourcing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party support federal legislation that protects U.S. jobs from being moved overseas to include removing any tax breaks for companies that outsource jobs overseas, be it through direct hiring or working through independent contractors or contract firms; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party will support legislation to establish preference that taxpayer funds be spent on products made or services performed in America.

Passed by Districts #4, #13

75. For Altering Trade Agreements Unfavorable to American Citizens

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party urges United States either to withdraw from NAFTA or to amend it to include labor rights including appropriate minimum wages and environmental requirements, and to exclude vesting power over citizens in secret, unelected arms of private entities; and be it finally

RESOLVED that any trade agreements into which the United States enters into in the future will include labor rights, human rights, and commitments from participating governments for democracy, appropriate environmental requirements, and consumer protections.

Passed by Districts # 4, #13

76. For Improving Trade Agreements

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls upon the state Democratic congressional delegation to sponsor legislation amending NAFTA to include protections for consumers, the environment, human rights, and labor rights, including appropriate minimum wages; and to exclude vesting power over citizens in un-elected arms of private entities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any future trade agreements into which the United States enters will include protections for consumers, the environment, labor rights, human rights, and commitments.

Passed by District #2

77. For Rolling Back Tax Cuts and Increasing Funding for Social Services

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party restore a social conscience and invest in people by rolling back tax cuts for the wealthy and increasing funding for needed social services, health care, and housing.

Passed by District #13

78. For a Fiscally Responsible Federal Budget

RESOLVED that all Democrats and individuals who understand some of the real threats to our society and rest of the world

- Unite to return our country and its government in Washington to a more responsible course of action;
- Help our representatives in Congress to bring a change of ideas, knowledge and competence in leadership;
- Expand the discretionary funds in the Federal Budget to meet the most critical issues facing our country;

And specifically

- Roll back tax cuts for the wealthy and redirect such cuts to the middle and lower classes;
- Eliminate military expenses for sophisticated and unneeded weapons such as two proposed high tech naval cruisers, Star Wars, and maintenance of unneeded nuclear war heads;
- Employ Americans in public works including the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast;
- Demand GAO oversight of private military contracts to cut out waste;
- Establish an independent oversight commission to review, evaluate, and bring under control the defense budget.

Passed by District #4

79. For Progressive Taxation to Service Public Debt

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls upon Democratic legislators at the federal, state, And county levels to stand up and demand fiscal responsibility from all levels of government and stop shifting our responsibilities to our children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the district calls upon Democratic legislators at all levels of government to pursue the objective set forth in the Democratic Party platform, "*Paying for Progress*" (second paragraph, page 13): *We believe that all taxes, especially those that fall hardest on middle class and poor families, should be kept as low as is possible, consistent with the maintenance of an appropriate level of government service. The use of a progressive tax system is the only way to fairly pay for government services needed to build a solid foundation for our future economic security. We oppose excessive reliance of regressive taxes, which unfairly burdens the poor and the middle class. We believe that any changes in the tax laws should increase the progressivity of our tax system.*

Passed by District #2

80. Against Reliance on Regressive Taxes

Resolved: that NC Democratic Party oppose excessive reliance on regressive taxes, which unfairly burden the poor and middle class, and that the NC Democratic Party believes that any future changes in the tax laws should increase the progressive element of our tax system.

Passed by District #11

81. Against the Republican Deficit

Now therefore, be it resolved:

That the North Carolina Democratic Party confirm its belief that the economy of the nation and economic strength of the American government should not be put at risk,

That the North Carolina Democratic Party protest the failure of the National Republican Party to adhere to its traditional belief in maintaining the strength of the national economy and maintaining the financial strength of the national government,

That the North Carolina Democratic Party call on its members to advocate for a government that ceases needlessly to burden further generations, ceases to waste tax dollars, and ceases to jeopardize the ability of government to meet future needs of the people,

That the North Carolina Democratic Party call on its members to become better aware and to make others aware of the manner in which the Republican Party has burdened further generations, has wasted tax dollars, and has jeopardized the ability of government to meet future needs of the people,

That Democrats are encouraged to learn of the writings of conservatives who have identified and cataloged the irresponsible way that Washington Republicans are spending and borrowing,

That Democrats are encouraged to enlighten any conservatives or moderates who may continue to labor under the false notion that Republicans in Washington are trying to reduce the burden of taxes.

Passed by District #13

82. For Fiscal Responsibility in Public Debt: National State, County, and City

RESOLVED that it is time for the North Carolina Democratic Party to stand up and demand fiscal responsibility from all levels of government and stop shifting our responsibilities to our children; and be it further

RESOLVED the North Carolina General Assembly carry out the objective set forth in the Democratic Party platform (second paragraph, "Paying for Progress," page 13): *We believe that all taxes, especially those that fall hardest on middle class and poor families, should be kept as low as is possible, consistent with the maintenance of an appropriate level of government service. The use of a progressive tax system is the only way to fairly pay for government services needed to build a solid foundation for our future economic security. We oppose excessive reliance of regressive taxes, which unfairly burdens the poor and the middle class. We believe that any changes in the tax laws should increase the progressivity of our tax system.*

Passed by District #4, #13

83. For Legislation to Stop Earmarking

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina shall encourage all Democratic candidates and members of the Congress and the Senate not to engage in earmarking, and to encourage their Republican counterparts to also halt the process.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

84. Against War Profiteering

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina commends Democratic Congressman Henry A. Waxman for his efforts to force the Republican administration to stop war profiteering; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party urge Democratic members of Congress to support amendments to procurement regulations specifying that the federal government will not award contracts to any corporation that has been convicted of fraud on a previous government contract, or that either directly or through subsidiaries has violated U.S. embargoes or sanctions, unless no officer at the time of the fraud or violation is currently employed or receiving any monetary compensation of any kind whatsoever from the corporation; or that is in arrears on debt to the U.S. government, or that is evading its tax responsibilities through the establishment of off-shore shell headquarters or subsidiaries.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

85. For Local Solutions to Problems

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina encourage citizens to seek, whenever possible, and in addition to solutions sought at the state and federal levels of government, local solutions to those problems, including, but not limited to the following issues:

- forest protection, watershed, and subdivision ordinances to combat the severe dangers to our agriculture and our people caused by climate change;
- support for nontraditional business activities as part of county economic plans including eco-tourism and alternative energy enterprises;
- protection of historic sites; and
- the development of resources sufficient to provide affordable transportation services for senior citizens.

Passed by District #4

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

86. For Repeal of “No Child Left Behind”

Therefore be it resolved that NCDP shall promote legislation repealing NCLB.

Be it further resolved that the NCDP shall send a copy of this resolution to the N.C. Board of Education, to North Carolina’s Congressional delegation, and to all other states’ democratic chairs

Passed by District #13

87. For Less Required Testing of Children

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party urges that there be less testing done and that there be there more openness in the curriculum for teaching of the skills that children need.

Passed by District #13

88. For Universal Higher Educational Opportunity

Resolved: that the North Carolina Democratic Party advocate that college education be attainable for everyone. And that opportunities for work-study, student loans, grants, and free and reduced tuition be increased and made available to all students admitted to institutions of higher education.

Passed by District #11

NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS ISSUES

89. For Transparency and Reform in Private and Public Pension Investments

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina commend Democratic Congressman George Miller for his efforts to pass a Pension Fairness Act in 2004; and be it further

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party urge all Democratic members of Congress to work to enact reforms to protect American workers, by requiring that benefit packages, including pensions, be calculated for all employees according to similar principles (such as length of employment for vesting, cash balance vs. guaranteed benefit, and so on) and subject to similar liabilities and restrictions; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina support the recommendations on pensions of the Study Commission on Senior Issues as passed by the North Carolina Democratic Party State Executive Committee.

Passed by Districts #2, #4

90. For Support of Social Security, Unweakened by Republican Action

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party commend the state Democratic congressional delegation for its support of this enormously successful program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party endorse the recommendations on Social Security of the Study Commission on Senior Issues as passed by the North Carolina Democratic Party State Executive Committee.

Passed by District #2

91. For Affordable Transportation for Senior Citizens

RESOLVED: That the North Carolina Democratic Party encourage local governments to develop resources sufficient to provide affordable transportation services for senior citizens.

Passed by District #2

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE ISSUES

92. For a Broad Spectrum of Health Care Reforms and a Single-Payer Health Care System

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urge the N.C. General Assembly not to, on any account, vote to remove healthcare services from any segment of the population; and be it further

RESOLVED that we urge the state of North Carolina to take immediate steps to ensure that each N.C. citizen has access to basic healthcare services through a state-run universal health care plan; and be it further

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party call upon the Federal Government to:

- Establish single payer universal health care from cradle to grave as a national priority and encourage education of healthy lifestyles and prevention;
- Ensure care of pregnant women and their offspring and thereby help reduce high neonatal costs;
- Negotiate favorable prices with pharmaceutical companies, without middlemen;
- Include Medicare, Medicaid and VA health services as part of the universal health care system; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party call upon our North Carolina elected representatives in Congress to sponsor the United States National Health Insurance Act (HR 676).

Passed by District #4

93 a. For Universal Health Care

Resolved: that Health Care should not be connected to employment. Access to quality Health Care, including mental health care, should be made available to all American citizens.

Passed by District #11

93 b. For Universal Health Care

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Democratic Party of North Carolina urges Democratic members of Congress work to legislate a single payer health care system.

Passed by Districts #2, #13

94 a. For Change of Federal Medicare Prescription Plan to Allow Drug Purchase in Bulk

Therefore be it resolved that the NCDP shall promote legislative corrections to MMA whereby the federal government shall be allowed to use both its bulk buying power and its usual ability to buy from well regulated foreign sources to keep the prices of prescription drugs as low as possible thereby saving senior citizens and taxpayers billions of dollars.

Be it further resolved that the NCDP shall send a copy of this resolution to all members .of the North Carolina federal legislative delegation

Passed by District #13

94 b. For Amending Medicare Prescription Plan to Allow Open Bidding

Resolved: that North Carolina Democratic Party urge that the Medicare Prescription Drug improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 be amended to allow the Social Security Administration to have open bidding annually on all drugs to create a uniform drug cost list that will be available to all Medicare Part D recipients nationwide

Passed by District #11

95. For Universal Health-Care Insurance

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party demand national legislation to make comprehensive health-care insurance affordable and accessible to all, regardless of age, illness, or financial means.

Passed by District #5

NATIONAL ELECTIONEERING ISSUES

96. For Free Use of the Broadcast Spectrum by Candidates

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urge Democratic members of Congress to seek legislation to require commercial broadcast corporations to allow candidates for public office the use of public airways free of charge, either through the issuance of “advertising credits” calculated by a formula based on corporation profits from the broadcast frequency, or by such other mechanism as established by Congress that eliminates the need to raise money for candidates to present themselves and their views to the electorate over the public airways; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina support reinstatement of the Fairness Doctrine to reduce control of information by private media owners.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE U.S.

97. For Stopping the War on Drugs

BE IT RESOLVED That the North Carolina Democratic Party call on the United States to stop the criminalization of substance abuse and instead provide funds for treatment of proven efficacy and for education.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES: TORTURE; PATRIOT ACT; PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

98. For Ending United States Sponsorship of Torture

RESOLVED That the Democratic Party of North Carolina call on the leadership of the United States government to eradicate current torture practices by the United States, and to charge United States Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, former Central Intelligence Agency director George Tenet, and United States Attorney General Alberto Gonzales with aiding, abetting, ordering, and conspiring to commit the illegal physical and psychological torture of detainees in the custody of the United States in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo, as well as secret United States-controlled prison facilities elsewhere, and further charge these officials with the illegal transport, or extraordinary rendition, of certain detainees to countries known for their systematic torture of prisoners; and be it further

RESOLVED That the United States live up completely to the articles of the Geneva Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Democratic Party of North Carolina call on US Senators Elizabeth Dole and Richard Burr, US Representatives David Price and Brad Miller, Governor Michael Easley, and the NC State Legislature to support proposed legal restraints and to ban the United States policies and practices of torture, including the transport of detainees of the Central Intelligence Agency by hiring Aero Contractors, situated in Smithfield and Kinston, North Carolina, through appropriate and immediate legislative restraints

Passed by Districts #4, #5, #1

99. For Protection of Civil Liberties and Opposition to the Patriot Act

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina affirm that the USA Patriot Act, and a number of recent federal Executive Orders, contain provisions which taken together, constitute an assault with few historic precedents upon the civil liberties and human rights established for the people of the United States of America; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina maintain that the United States Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, is the ultimate legal authority whenever its provisions conflict with those of the USA Patriot Act, or federal Executive Orders; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urge Congress to repeal the provisions of the USA Patriot Act that violate civil rights or liberties as specified in the Bill of Rights, the U.S. Constitution, or the North Carolina Constitution and urges appropriate officials in the federal government to repeal related executive and military orders and directives that erode our civil liberties; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urge the Governor of North Carolina and the General Assembly carefully to review and evaluate the USA Patriot Act in light of infringements of the rights and liberties of North Carolina citizens and non-citizens.

Submitted by Districts #4, #5, #11

100. For Legislative Actions to Protect Constitutional Liberties

RESOLVED that Democratic Party of North Carolina urge all Democratic legislators to defend the Constitutional protections that have secured our liberty and limited its abuse, by revoking the power assumed by the Republican executive to deny individuals habeas corpus, access to legal counsel to challenge their arrest, and a speedy and public trial; and by revoking the power granted to the Republican executive to override the 4th Amendment protection against unreasonable searches and seizures, by such means as secret searches of homes, and warrantless spying; and by proceeding with a full investigation of the National Security Agency's domestic spying program authorized by the Republican administration.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

101. For Promotion of Human Rights at Home and Abroad

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United States respect and promote human rights at home and abroad, by respecting democratically elected governments, by using appropriate diplomatic and economic policies to eliminate oppression, and by extending aid to organizations that deal with the effects of oppression such as those supporting women's health and economic status;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States outlaw such barbarisms as torture, extraordinary rendition, collective punishment, cruel and unusual punishment abroad as well as at home.

Passed by Districts #2, #13

102. For Honoring the Geneva Convention

BE IT RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic party call upon the state Democratic Congressional delegation to repudiate current torture practices by the United States, to charge United States Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, former Central Intelligence Agency director George Tenet, and United States Attorney General Alberto

Gonzales with aiding, abetting, ordering, and conspiring to commit the illegal physical and psychological torture of detainees in the custody of the United States in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo, as well as secret United States-controlled prison facilities elsewhere, and to further charge these officials with the illegal transport, or extraordinary rendition, of certain detainees to countries known for their systematic torture of prisoners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States live up completely to the articles of the Geneva Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the the North Carolina Democratic Party call upon US Senators Elizabeth Dole and Richard Burr, the state Democratic congressional delegation, Governor Michael Easley, and the Democratic state legislative delegation in Raleigh to support appropriate and immediate legal restraints, banning United States policies and practices of torture and extraordinary rendition, including the transport of detainees of the Central Intelligence Agency by Aero Contractors, situated in Smithfield and Kinston, North Carolina.

Passed by District #2

103. For Requiring the Bush Administration to Uphold the Law

RESOLVED, that the Democrats seek to hold the President accountable to the law of the land; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party seek to ensure that all persons have fair access to due process of law.

Passed by District #13

104. For Reauthorization of Voting Rights Act Provisions

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Democratic Party of North Carolina call upon the US Congress to make these special provisions of the Voting Rights Act permanent in order to ensure free and fair elections, to protect minority rights, and to provide basic language assistance to ensure that all citizens can participate in this fundamental responsibility of citizens in a democracy.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

105. For Protection Of Women's Medical Rights

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party support the position that it is the woman's right solely, or in conjunction with anyone of her own choosing, to make any and all medical decisions which will have any affect on

her health and well being.

Passed by District #5

106. For Roe v. Wade and Reproductive Justice

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party support "choice" and the continuation of *Roe v. Wade* as originally decided; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that as the federal support for reproductive justice is taken away, the North Carolina General Assembly pass legislation to ensure that our state still affords its people reproductive justice with no net loss of rights or the practical ability to exercise those rights.

Passed by District #5

107. For Opposition to Bush's Federal Cabinet and Judicial Appointments

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina strongly commend Democratic senators who have opposed extremist judicial appointees such as William Haynes, William Pryor, Priscilla Owen, John Roberts, and Samuel Alito, and cabinet appointees such as Condoleeza Rice who misrepresented the need for war to the Congress and Alberto Gonzales who oversaw production of a spurious legal opinion for torture and for untrammelled presidential power; and be it further

RESOLVED that Democratic senators firmly resist the confirmation of Republican appointees who spurn American law and liberties.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, #13

108. For Outlawing Cruel and Unusual Punishment at Home and Abroad

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urge the United States government to respect and promote human rights at home and abroad, by respecting democratically elected governments, by using appropriate diplomatic and economic policies to eliminate oppression, and by extending aid to organizations that deal with the effects of oppression such as those supporting women's health and economic status; and be it finally

RESOLVED that we urge the United States government to outlaw such barbarisms as torture, extraordinary rendition, collective punishment, cruel and unusual punishment abroad as well as at home.

Passed by District #4

109. Against Illegal Wiretapping by the Bush Administration

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Prospect Hill Precinct of the Caswell County Democratic Party and of the 13th Congressional District and of the North Carolina State

Democratic Party wishes to make it known that on February 7th, 2006 a unanimous vote was cast by all attending members condemning this illegal wiretapping and demanding that the President henceforth follow all applicable constitutional and statutory law; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina State Democratic Party wishes to make it known that at the April 1st 2006 Caswell County Convention, a unanimous vote was cast by all attending members condemning this illegal wiretapping and demanding that the President henceforth follow all applicable constitutional and statutory law; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caswell County Democratic Party is calling upon the 13th Congressional District of the North Carolina State Democratic Party to stand with us in condemning this illegal wiretapping, in demanding that it immediately cease, and in demanding that the President henceforth follow all applicable constitutional and statutory law; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caswell County Democratic Party is calling upon the 13th Congressional District of the North Carolina State Democratic Party to present this resolution at the State Democratic Convention on June 24th, 2006 for passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Wake County Democratic Party support Senator Feingold's proposed censure (S. Res. 398, submitted March 13, 2006) of the President for illegal wiretapping.

Passed by District #13

NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES: DEATH PENALTY

111. For a State and Federal Moratorium on Executions

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina calls on the North Carolina General Assembly, the governor of North Carolina, the U.S. President and the U.S. Congress to enact and adopt legislation imposing a moratorium on executions at least until this state and the nation implement policies and procedures that:

- Ensure that death penalty cases are administered fairly and impartially, in accordance with basic due process,
- Minimize the risk that innocent persons may be executed.

Passed by District #4

112. In Favor of Abolishing the Death Penalty

RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of North Carolina work to abolish the death penalty or to at least institute a **two year** moratorium on the death penalty.

Passed by District #13

SECRECY IN U S. GOVERNMENT

113a. For Democracy and Open Government

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party urge Democratic members of Congress to protect and restore open government by

Strengthening the Freedom of Information Act, to make clear that information is presumed public unless a clear compelling need for secrecy is proven;

Making public the papers produced during officials' time in office with appropriate safeguards if necessary, especially, the Republican executive order overriding previous legislation to maintain the secrecy of presidential papers upon the desire of any future administration or member of the president's family should be legislatively rescinded;

Carrying out such inquiries as may be necessary to determine how American values and security may be improved.

Passed by Districts #2, #4, 13

113 b. In Opposition to Government Secrecy

Resolved: that the trend toward secrecy is a serious threat to Democracy and that the North Carolina Democratic Party must insist on an accountable government that is open, honest and forthright in its dealings, not only with the American public and news media, but with other countries throughout the world.

Passed by District #11

NATIONAL IMMIGRATION ISSUES

114. For Reform of Immigration Laws

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina does hereby support comprehensive immigration reform and urges the passage of The Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005 (S. 1033 and HB 2330) or similar legislation that allows every hardworking, law-abiding individual to achieve the American Dream while making our country more secure; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina deplores the punitive and deficient measures proposed by H.R. 4437, S. 2454 and similar initiatives and urges a fair, humanitarian, and orderly solution to the difficult and complex issue of immigration reform that includes but is not limited to: protecting wages for American and immigrant workers by raising the minimum wage for all workers and penalizing non-compliant employers, stream-lining the family immigration backlog in order to reunite and stabilize families in our communities, securing our borders through enforceable and effective

laws, and supporting international trade agreements that reduce the necessity for people of other countries to seek jobs in the United States.

Passed by District #4

115. For the Federal DREAM Act Resolution

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina does hereby support repealing section 505 of the IIRIRA Act of 1996 and urges the passage of the DREAM Act that gives deserving young immigrant students the same opportunities to go to college as their American classmates and, in addition, offers them a path toward permanent legal status and citizenship.

Passed by District #4

THE IRAQ WAR

116 a. For Ending the Occupation of Iraq

RESOLVED, that the military occupation of Iraq cease.

Passed by District #13

116 b. For Ending US Involvement in Iraq

RESOLVED by the Democratic Party of North Carolina that the United States should:

1. Withdraw its troops from population centers and exit Iraq by the end of 2006;
2. Encourage the UN and other international organizations to support a cease-fire and appoint an independent peace envoy to shift the military model to one of conflict resolution;
3. Disavow any plans for permanent military bases or control of Iraqi oil;
4. Let Iraqis control their economy and reconstruction efforts;
5. Fund the reconstruction of and reparations to Iraq, in accordance with international law.
6. Join the Iraqi government in encouraging international bodies such as the Arab League and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, backed by the UN, to take responsibility for military monitoring and peacekeeping and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to Senator Elizabeth Dole, Senator Richard Burr, our federal and state representatives, the North Carolina State Democratic Committee, and to the Democratic National Committee.

Passed by District #4

116 c. For Ending U.S. Occupation of Iraq

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party call upon the state Democratic congressional delegation to sponsor legislation requiring the Republican administration to submit to Congress a plan for the withdrawal of troops from Iraq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party continue to seek an expeditious and responsible end to the American occupation of Iraq.

Passed by District #2

116 d. A Resolution Addressed to Congressman McIntyre About Iraq

[While this resolution is addressed to Congressman McIntyre, it is not intended to be critical of him in any way. Melvin Williams, 7th District Chair]

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party urge Representative Mike McIntyre to sign H. RES. 543, a Discharge Petition that would move Representative Walter Jones; "Homeward Bound" Resolution (H. J. Res 55) to the floor of the House of Representatives for open debate; and be it further

RESOLVED that notice of this resolution be sent to Representative Mike McIntyre in Lumberton, NC by certified mail, return receipt requested; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the 7th Congressional District Democratic Party certify that the resolution was received by Congressman McIntyre.

Passed by District #7

117. Commending Rep. Price and Rep. Miller for Co-Sponsoring Legislation to Require Administration to Submit Plan for Withdrawal of U.S. Troops from Iraq

BE IT RESOLVED that Democratic Congressman Brad Miller and Democratic Congressman David Price be commended for their co-sponsorship of legislation requiring the Republican administration to submit to Congress a plan for the withdrawal of troops from Iraq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina continue to seek an expeditious and responsible end to the American occupation of Iraq.

Passed by District #13

118. For a Democratic Congressional Plan to End U.S. Occupation of Iraq

Resolved: That the North Carolina Democratic Party call on Democratic members of the U.S. Congress formulate and submit a comprehensive exit strategy for ending the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

Passed by District #11

119. For Adoption Of "TheMurtha Plan" To End The Iraq War.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party oppose the war in Iraq as being perpetrated under false reasons for no good purpose and that we demand the withdrawal of military forces and the removal of U.S. bases from Iraqi soil by following the "Rep. Murtha Plan" for a phased but prompt pullback to neutral sites outside of Iraq.

Passed by District #5

120. For Laws to Avoid Future Unnecessary Wars

Therefore be it resolved that the Democratic Party of North Carolina shall endorse legislation that would take steps to prevent unnecessary wars in the future and would require that if the President requests the authority to initiate war in the future, there must be full disclosure of all information between the President and Congress that justifies such war.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to all members of the North Carolina congressional delegation.

Passed by District #13

121. For Rep. McIntyre's Sponsorship of HR3142 Opposing Long-Term U.S. Military Presence in Iraq

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Convention urge Representative Mike McIntyre to co-sponsor HR 3142 which declares "that it is the policy of the United States not to maintain a long-term or permanent military presence in Iraq" and other legislation that would insure that the United States does not maintain a military basing presence in Iraq:

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the notice of this resolution be sent to Representative Mike McIntyre in Lumberton, N.C. by certified mail, return receipt requested,

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Democratic Party certify that this resolution was received by Congressman Mike McIntyre.

Passed by the 7th Congressional District Democratic Party in convention assembled on this the 20th day of May, 2006.

While this resolutions is addressed to Congressman Mike McIntyre, it not intended to criticize him in any way.

Melvin Williams, 7th District Chair

POSSIBLE IMPEACHABLE OFFENSES OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION

122. For Congressional Investigation of Possible Impeachable Crimes Committed by the Bush Administration

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of of North Carolina support H. Res. 635 (creating a select committee on the grounds for impeachment) H Res 636 (censuring President Bush), and H. Res 637 (censuring Vice President Cheney) and calls upon Rep. David Price to co-sponsor them; and be it further

RESOLVED that Rep. Price sponsor or co-sponsor legislation to create an independent commission or special counsel to investigate these and other offenses and report to Congress on the merit of these charges, if H. Res 635 is not passed or does not result in a full and independent investigation of these charges; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of of North Carolina supports S. 398, Resolution to Censure the President, introduced by Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI).

Passed by District #4

123.. For Investigation of President Bush

Resolved: that the NCDP ask the Democratic members of Congress to call for aninvestigation of the actions of President Bush, and to institute impeachment proceedings if its investigation so warrants.

Passed by District #11

124 a. For Censure of the President for Illegal Wiretapping

BE IT RESOLVED That the district calls upon the state Democratic congressional delegation to support Senator Feingold's proposed censure (S. Res. 398, submitted March 13, 2006) of the President for illegal wiretapping.

Passed by District #2

124 b. For Congressional Censure of President Bush for Warrantless Wiretaps of American Citizens

Resolved: that US Congress be requested to formally censure President Bush for authorizing warrant-less wiretaps and spying on American citizens.

Passed by District #11

125 For Reopening of Investigation into September 11, 2001 Attacks

RESOLVED the Democratic Party of North Carolina supports the formation of a truly independent committee to study the facts surrounding the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Passed by District #4

NUCLEAR THREAT TO THE U.S.

126. For Actions and Policies to Stop Nuclear Proliferation

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina call upon the federal government to:

- Adhere to and support the existing Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty including the reduction of the number of the United States' operational and stockpiled nuclear weapons;
- Set an example for the rest of the world by renouncing the development of new nuclear weapons and the testing of nuclear weapons;
- Prioritize and provide adequate funding for the Cooperative Threat Reduction program of the Department of Defense, the Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Program of the Department of Energy and similar related programs of other Federal department and agencies to work with the Russian Federation and the states of the former Soviet Union to dismantle nuclear warheads, reduce nuclear stockpiles, and secure nuclear weapons and materials, and prevent the outflow of nuclear weapons expertise;
- Replicate in other countries and regions of the world the Cooperative Threat Reduction program, the Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation program, and similar or related programs of other Federal departments and agencies;
- Pursue diplomacy, enhanced inspection regimes, and regional security arrangements to reduce proliferation;
- Work to ensure that highly enriched uranium is stored only in secure locations around the world by providing adequate funding for the Global Threat Reduction Initiative of the Department of Energy to provide for the removal, or temporary adequate security where removal is not yet feasible, of highly enriched uranium from its many locations around the world.

Passed by District #4

127. Against Nuclear Terrorism

Resolved: that the NCDP urge US Congress to take measures to prevent Nuclear Terrorism, and pressure the Bush administration to work with other countries and the UN to secure fissionable material and nuclear weapons around the world, including the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, and the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Passed by District #11

128. For Freeze of Transportation of Nuclear Materials Through WNC

Resolved: that the North Carolina Democratic Party call on President Bush and NC Congressional delegation take immediate steps to freeze the transportation of nuclear materials through WNC.

Passed by District #11

CONCERNING FAILURE OF THE BUSH GOVERNMENT

129. For Condemnation of FEMA's Failure in the Aftermath of the Hurricanes of 2005

Therefore be it resolved that the North Carolina Democratic Party call on the federal government to take responsibility for the harm done and to spend whatever it takes to set things right.

Be it further resolved that the North Carolina Democratic Party send a copy of this resolution to the North Carolina legislature.

Passed by District #13

130. For Condemning Corruption and Mismanagement of the Republican Administration

Therefore be it resolved that the Democratic Party of North Carolina condemn in the strongest terms the above actions, the climate of fear, the dividing of the country for political gain, the cronyism, the pandering to corporate interests, the deceit, the waste and the mismanagement of public resources that have combined to make the United States less secure and less able to confront the difficulties that an uncertain future may bring.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the editors of the major newspapers of Raleigh, Charlotte, Asheville, Wilmington, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Durham, Fayetteville and Greenville.

Passed by District #13

PART III: THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

132. Urging the Democratic Party to Institute Measures Requiring the Highest Ethical Standards for our Elected Officials and Candidates

Preamble: This resolution declares that the Democratic Party shall act to maintain the highest standards of ethical behavior by elected officials in leadership roles and defines the process addressing credible allegations of ethical misconduct.

RESOLVED that the State Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party may institute an ethics review of government leaders at any time following a process agreeable to the State Executive Committee.

Passed by District #2, #4

133. Democratic Party Resolution on Leadership Ethics

Preamble: This resolution declares that the Democratic Party shall act to maintain the highest standards of ethical behavior by elected officials in leadership roles and defines the process addressing credible allegations of ethical misconduct.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Democratic Party shall demand the resignation from leadership positions any state leader of any party -- including the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Majority Whip, and Minority Whip -- for which substantive and convincing evidence supports allegations of ethical misconduct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon confirmation of credible evidence of ethical misconduct that a demand for resignation of the offending person from that person's government leadership position shall be rendered and executed by the North Carolina State Democratic Party Chair representing the State Democratic Party Executive Committee and the party as a whole; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Democratic Party Chair may institute an ethics review of government leaders at any time following a process agreeable to the State Executive Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any North Carolina County Executive Committee Chair representing their county Executive Committee may request that the State Democratic Party Executive Committee review the ethics of persons in state government leadership positions, and that should the State Executive Committee receive requests pertaining to one person from two or more separate counties within one six month period that the State Executive Committee shall be compelled to review the evidence of ethical misconduct presented following a process agreeable to the State Executive Committee, limited to being compelled to review any single person once in any six month period, and that each county is limited to submitting one request for review on any individual only once per six month period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any Democrat in a government leadership position who fails to comply with a demand from the Democratic party to resign from a leadership position due to credible allegations of ethical misconduct shall become ineligible for Democratic Party campaign funds and assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any non-Democrat in a government leadership position who fails to comply with a demand from the Democratic Party to resign from the

leadership position due to credible allegations of ethical misconduct shall become a high priority opponent when the Democratic Party allocates campaign funds and assistance.

Passed by District #13

134. Resolution on District Energy Descent Action Plan

RESOLVED that action on energy issues at every political level has acquired a renewed importance; and be it further

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party support joint and individual county initiatives such as Energy Descent Action Plans to mitigate the effects of Global Climate Change, Peak Oil, and to encourage grassroots action, job growth and wise use of tax revenues; and be it finally.

RESOLVED that congressional districts of the North Carolina Democratic Party encourage county party organizations to identify one or more local or regional actions (i.e. energy/sustainability forums or film festivals; commuter car pooling network; farm/sustainability resource center; solar-farm/wind-farm; demonstration projects to show smart upgrades and design for existing and proposed public buildings; county carbon emissions self-taxation to fund energy efficiency projects; etc..) to carry forward into 2007.

Passed by District #4

135. Resolution to Train Precinct-level Activists and Prepare Precinct Officials for 2008 Election Cycle

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urges all county and state Democratic Parties to provide a variety of training workshops and tools to strengthen grassroots organization across the county and state now to prepare for large-scale voter turnout in the 2006 and 2008 elections.

Passed by District #4

136. Resolution to Survey Voter Interests

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina urges the North Carolina and county Democratic Parties to conduct studies of voter interests and concerns to allow the Party to develop a party platform that is concise, understandable and appealing to the majority of voters.

Passed by District #4

137. In Favor of Skillful Definition of Issues by Democratic Party

Resolved: that NCDP maximize our energy and resources by rallying around issues that are not merely right, just and democratic, but are designed to win elections and return the Party to a position in which we can make and implement policy.

Passed by District #11

138. In Favor of Registering High School Students of Voting Age

Resolved: that NCDP make a concerted effort to register all high school students of voting age.

Passed by District #11

139. Against Political Use of Church Directories

Resolved: that NCDP condemn use of church membership directories for political purposes.

Passed by District #11

140. For Tapping the Expertise of John and Elizabeth Edwards and the UNC Poverty Center

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of North Carolina invites John and Elizabeth Edwards and representatives of the UNC Poverty Center to participate in a relevant and ongoing collaboration with the citizens of North Carolina in the critical issues of children's healthcare in our communities

Passed by District #4

Part IV. Resolutions Considered and Passed from the floor of the Convention or State Executive Committee

141 Resolution in opposition to the re-election of Congressman Robin Hayes

Therefore be it resolved, that the N.C. Democratic Party opposes the re-election of Robin Hayes to the U.S. Congress and asks that every registered voter in the Eighth Congressional District vote for his opponent, Larry Kissell of Montgomery County, in the 2006 Fall election.

Submitted at the NCDP State Convention by Wayne Goodwin, Richmond County

142 Resolution honoring the life and memory of Hugh Morton

Therefore be it resolved, on account of his unparalleled contributions to preserving Grandfather Mountain and the cherished environment of western North Carolina, as well as his great and distinguished service to the North Carolina Democratic Party, to leaders such as Terry Sanford and Jim Hunt, and to the entire State, the North Carolina Democratic Party hereby honors the life, memory and accomplishments of Hugh Morton.

Submitted at the NCDP State Convention by Wayne Goodwin, Richmond County

143 Resolution asking NC Legislators to file impeachment articles

Be it resolved, that this North Carolina Democratic Party convention asks our Representatives in the State of North Carolina (the senate concurring) to petition the US House of Representatives to start investigations of George W. Bush and his administration to the end that George W. Bush may be impeached and removed from office, and in doing so to follow the example set by California Assemblyman Paul Koretz in his submission of impeachment resolutions; and

Be it further resolved, that the Secretary of State for North Carolina give, and is hereby instructed to certify, to each Senator and Representative in the Congress of the United States, under the great seal of the State of North Carolina, a copy of this resolution and the prior impeachment resolution, and notification of its adoption by the Democratic Party of the state of North Carolina at their convention in June 2006.

Submitted at the NCDP State Convention by Susan Oehler, Buncombe County

144 Resolution honoring the life and memory of Doctor Joseph Woodrow Baggett

Therefore be it resolved that the North Carolina Democratic Party honors the memory of Doctor Joseph Woodrow Baggett and expresses the appreciation of his Party for his life, his accomplishments, and his dedicated service. The North Carolina Democratic Party extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Doctor Joseph Woodrow Baggett for the loss of their beloved family member. The Secretary of the North Carolina Democratic Party shall submit a copy of this resolution to the family of Doctor Joseph Woodrow Baggett.

Submitted at the NCDP State Convention by Jeff Marks, Cumberland County

145 Resolution regarding the former webmaster of Rockingham County

Therefore be it resolved, that in dealing with the matter of Gene Messick and his inappropriate and enduring response to his differences with the North Carolina Democratic Party vis-à-vis his county's web site, we support the position of our Party Chair, Jerry Meek, and the North Carolina Democratic Party staff.

Submitted at the NCDP State Convention by Michael Lawson, Mecklenburg County

146 Resolution regarding the 1965 Voting Rights Act

Therefore be it resolved that the North Carolina Democratic Party endorse the renewal of the 1965 Voting Rights Act; and

Be it further resolved that our Democratic Congressional Representatives be asked to work for the renewal of the 1966 Voting Rights Act.

Submitted at the NCDP State Convention by Jack Sanders, Orange County