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Democratic Party, Government, and Voting Rights

A Resolution in Support of the January 6th Committee

WHEREAS, The assault on the United States Capitol made January 6th, 2021, one of the darkest days in American history; and

WHEREAS, The events of January 6th were nothing less than an attempted insurrection on our democracy and an attempt to overturn a fair and free election; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the continued investigation of the events of January 6th, 2021, and that the Party encourages the Department of Justice to fully investigate the events and to fully prosecute those who broke the law for their part in the January 6th insurrection.

A Resolution to Professionalize the Role of State Party Chair

WHEREAS, The success of any organization depends on professional and competent leadership; and

WHEREAS, The Chair of the State Democratic Party is currently a volunteer position; and

WHEREAS, The role of Chair is a significant responsibility and requires a considerable time commitment; and

WHEREAS, Paying individuals for roles that have traditionally been volunteer expands equity in access to such roles by making it easier for individuals from more socioeconomic backgrounds to step into such roles: and

WHEREAS, Equitable access to the roles of Party leadership is an important value of the Democratic Party and promotes the Party's leadership mirroring the population of registered Democrats and individuals the Democratic Party seeks to support through policy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party provide financial support to the State Party Chair and explore pathways to providing financial support for all leadership positions in the State Party.

A Resolution Thanking Congressman David Price

WHEREAS, Congressman David Price will retire at the end of the current session of Congress in January, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Price has served the fourth district for seventeen terms with outstanding success, with dedication to goals of the Democratic Party, and with exceptional openness and responsiveness to his constituents; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Price has been a leader in Congress for promotion of democracy worldwide, as co-founder and chairman of the House Democracy Partnership; and



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WHEREAS, Congressman Price is recognized as a leading advocate for human rights, voting rights, consumer protection, tax fairness, low-income housing, Middle East peace, and funding for science and health research, and has received many honors for his achievements from organizations dedicated to causes that he has advanced; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of North Carolina expresses its admiration and deep gratitude for David Price, and thanks him for his many years of serving and leading the party.

A Resolution Thanking Congressman G.K. Butterfield

WHEREAS, Congressman G.K. Butterfield will retire at the end of the current session of Congress in January, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Butterfield served our state for fifteen years in the judicial branch of government and having first served as a Superior Court judge in his home county of Wilson and was subsequently appointed by then-Governor Mike Easley to the North Carolina Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Congressman Butterfield subsequently was elected to the United States House of Representatives to fill an unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, for nine terms, Congressman Butterfield has admirably served the people of eastern North Carolina with distinguished service on the Agriculture Committee, Armed Forces Committee, and the Energy and Commerce Committee;

WHEREAS, Congressman Butterfield is a national Democratic leader, having served as the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and as House Chief Deputy Whip, and is a trusted advisor to Presidents Barack Obama and Joe Biden;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of North Carolina expresses its admiration and deep gratitude for David Price, and thanks him for his many years of serving and leading the party.

Honorary Resolution for Betty Ray McCain

WHEREAS, Betty Ray McCain has devoted her time and considerable talent to serve all North Carolinians;

WHEREAS, she has approached all challenges from the foundation of fair play, kindness, loyalty and respect that she learned growing up in her beloved Faison;

WHEREAS, her work ethic is only surpassed by her keen intellect, quick wit, and unfailing optimism;

WHEREAS, she has played vital leadership roles in the Democratic Party on the county, state, and national levels, including as the first female chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party;



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WHEREAS, she has served with distinction as Secretary of Cultural Resources during two terms of the Hunt administration;

WHEREAS, she has served four terms on the UNC Board of Governors, in addition to various other statewide positions;

WHEREAS, she has received the North Carolina Award, the highest civilian award for public service and has also been inducted into the NC Women's Hall of Fame;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED That the North Carolina Democratic Party salutes our own Betty Landon Ray McCain and invites all North Carolinians to join us in expressing our gratitude for her lifetime of exemplary service and dedication to our state.

Resolution to Change the Process for Appointing the UNC Board of Governors and Boards of Trustees to Allow for Balanced Membership

WHEREAS, The mission of the university system in NC is dedicated to serving diverse communities across the state, including its 250,000 students: and

WHEREAS, Previously, the Governor of North Carolina shared power with the North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA), appointing four members of the Boards of Trustees (BOT) at each individual institution; and

WHEREAS, The NCGA has stripped the governor of any power in electing BOT members, concentrating decision-making in the Board of Governors (BOG), and the NCGA therefore currently elects all 24 members of the Board of Governors: and

WHEREAS, The NCGA does not proportionately represent the political views and demographics of North Carolina's population currently due to the effects of gerrymandering, with the result that both the NCGA and the BOG has membership that is politically and demographically skewed; and

WHEREAS, A truly representative Board of Governors would include not just political diversity, but also racial, gender and geographic diversity. Nearly 70% of Board members are white men, but just 23% of UNC System students are white men, according to UNC System enrollment data. The Board has 25% women while 59% of students in the system are women: and

WHEREAS, This concentration of power and decision-making at the UNC System has led to decisions based on political interests rather than on the University's mission to "...serve as a center for research, scholarship, and creativity and to teach a diverse community of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students to become the next generation of leaders," and these decisions have been detrimental to faculty morale and to the university's mission "...to enhance access to learning and to foster the success and prosperity of each rising generation," especially for faculty and students of color; now, therefore, be it



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RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party calls for establishing balanced appointments to the UNC BOG and individual institutional BOTs by allowing the Governor and members representing different constituencies within the NCGA to choose more representative leadership on the UNC BOG and at individual institutions to better reflect the state’s interests and populations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party calls on Governor Cooper to veto any future legislation that would allow state lawmakers and lobbyists to exert even more control over the UNC Board of Governors.

In Support of a Statewide Process for Citizen Ballot Initiatives and Referendums

WHEREAS, The process of ballot initiatives and referendums, also commonly known as ballot measures, propositions or ballot questions, allows citizens to place legislation or legislation recently passed by a legislature, on a ballot for a popular vote; and

WHEREAS, The process known as ballot initiatives and referendums allows citizens to vote directly on legislation, and is, therefore, a form of direct democracy; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is one of twenty-four states that currently does not have a statewide citizen ballot initiatives and referendums process which allows its citizens to place legislation, or legislation recently passed by a legislature, on a ballot for a popular vote; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1917 the North Carolina State Legislature has permitted local citizen ballot initiatives and referendums in North Carolina's largest cities, including Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Raleigh, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS, Notable local initiatives include a 1997 measure, sponsored by civil rights activists in Charlotte, that changed city council elections from at-large representation to district representation, and a 1982 measure in Wilmington that changed the zoning laws to prohibit construction of a planned coal storage facility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party strongly urges the North Carolina State Legislature to provide a statewide process for citizen ballot initiatives and referendums, similar to processes already provided to North Carolina's largest jurisdictions so that all North Carolina citizens have the ability to place legislation, or legislation recently passed by a legislature, on a statewide ballot for a popular vote; and

A Resolution in Support of President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and Congressional Democrats

WHEREAS, Our President Joseph R. “Joe” Biden, Vice-President Kamala Harris and Democratic members of Congress have successfully steered us through the Covid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Our President Joe Biden, Vice-President Kamala Harris and Democratic members of Congress have brought our economy back so quickly; and



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WHEREAS, Our President Joe Biden, Vice-President Kamala Harris and Democratic members of Congress have achieved historically low unemployment; and

WHEREAS, Our President Joe Biden, Vice-President Kamala Harris, and Democratic members of Congress have reasserted our world alliances and leadership by standing up to Russian aggression and removed us from misguided foreign entanglements; and

WHEREAS, Our President Joe Biden, Vice-President Kamala Harris, and Democratic members of Congress have invested in much needed infrastructure, kept people in their homes, brought children back to the classroom and more; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Democrats of North Carolina, hereby recognize and greatly appreciate the achievements of President Biden, Vice-President Harris and Democratic members of Congress.

A Resolution In Support of Ranked Choice Voting

WHEREAS, Most Democratic primaries, general elections, and special elections in North Carolina are currently conducted by single-choice plurality voting; and

WHEREAS, The method of single-choice plurality voting forces voters to engage in strategic and insincere voting tactics, because voting for your true favorite can help elect your least favorite; and

WHEREAS, Current law in North Carolina requires runoff elections in primaries if no one receives at least 30 percent of the votes cast. There was at least one runoff election in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Runoff elections are notoriously low in participation rates, reducing voter opportunity to choose their candidates. Runoff elections require the same expense as regular elections. Durham County anticipates a possible runoff election in 2022 in two contests; and

WHEREAS, Ranked choice voting is a method of voting in which voters rank the candidates in order of choice and votes are counted in rounds so that a candidate must have a majority of the votes in a round to win; and

WHEREAS, Ranked choice voting promotes majority support, facilitates greater voter choice, discourages negative campaigning, minimizes strategic voting, promotes the election of more women and people of color, and accomplishes these goals in a single election without the need for costly runoff elections; and

WHEREAS, Elections with ranked choice voting demonstrate that voters understand and appreciate the ability to rank candidates in order of choice and that ranked choice voting does not reduce turnout or significantly increase the rate of ballot errors; and

WHEREAS, Ranked choice voting has been upheld as a one person, one vote system consistent with the United States Constitution in federal court; now, therefore, be it



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RESOLVED, That North Carolina Democratic Party should adopt ranked choice voting for all of their primaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State of North Carolina should enact legislation to adopt ranked choice voting for all of its primary, general, and special elections.

A Resolution in Support of Prisoner Enfranchisement

WHEREAS, Over two million Americans are currently incarcerated - more than in any other country; and

WHEREAS, 6% of Americans, including 33% of black men, can expect to be imprisoned at some point in their life; and

WHEREAS, Over five million Americans are ineligible to vote due to either a current or former felony conviction; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party Platform describes the right to vote as “fundamental” and states that “...all citizens should be able to exercise their Constitutional right to vote without facing unjust or discriminatory barriers;” and

WHEREAS, The barring of current and former prisoners from this basic democratic right leaves a marginalized segment of the population without representation; and

WHEREAS, The stripping of voting rights from current and former prisoners creates an incentive for bad actors in our democracy to incarcerate people for the purpose of disenfranchising and leaves a vulnerable segment of the population without representation; and

WHEREAS, The states of Maine and Vermont, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and democracies around the world including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad & Tobago, and Ukraine have enfranchised their prisoners with no ill effects on society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of North Carolina and all its elected members support legislation allowing current and former prisoners the right to vote in line with our democratic peers across the globe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of North Carolina and all its elected members advocate for national and interstate adoption of legislation ensuring voting rights for current and former prisoners.

Agriculture, Environment, and Healthcare



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Calling for the Installation of EV Charging Stations at all NC Rest Areas

WHEREAS, The number of electric plug-in and hybrid vehicles licensed for road use in the United States has increased from 16,000 to over 2 million from 2011 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, The automotive industry expects that 952% of all new vehicle sales in the US will be all-electric by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, The need for plug-in charging stations must keep pace with the explosive growth of plug-in vehicles operating in the US; and

WHEREAS, 150kW rapid chargers can take anywhere from 40 minutes to 2 hours to charge an electric vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Public rest areas in NC have the capacity to provide parking for a large number of vehicles, and are typically not located close to areas where privately owned EV charging stations would be found; and

WHEREAS, The lengthy time it takes to charge an EV, the close proximity to heavily traveled highways, the ease of access that public rest areas provide to and from those highways, and the ability to control costs and to provide needed access to steady and reliable charging options; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State of North Carolina should install EV charging stations at all rest areas in the State, with space for the installation of additional charging stations to be added should the need arise.

COVID-19 Technology Sharing and Vaccine Donations

WHEREAS, 62% of North Carolina is fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to both public and private institutions that advance research and development in the fields of biotechnology and medical technology; and

WHEREAS, Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson and American pharmaceutical companies that hold patents on the three major COVID-19 vaccines used in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The development of these life-saving vaccines was only possible because of publicly funded research; and

WHEREAS, The global distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine remains profoundly unequal; and

WHEREAS, High levels of COVID-19 transmission increase the risk that the vaccines we have become less effective or that dangerous new variants of COVID emerge; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization supported a technology transfer hub in South Africa that successfully duplicated Moderna's vaccine; and



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WHEREAS, The Biden administration has pledged to donate 1.1 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine but, as of June 2022, only 540 million have been delivered; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party supports policy that facilitates sharing pharmaceutical technology and expertise with low-income countries; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party supports intellectual property waivers for the production of the COVID-19 vaccine and COVID-19 medicines in low-income countries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party urges the Biden administration to accelerate the distribution of pledged COVID-19 vaccine donations to low-income countries.

A Resolution in Support the HER Act for Global and Local Women’s Health

WHEREAS, The Global Gag Rule remains one of the most odious policies ever enacted for foreign assistance. When in effect, it strips U.S. funding from foreign health care providers if they offer abortion services, counseling, or referral for abortion services, or engage in political advocacy around the issue of abortion - even if they undertake these activities with their own, separate, non-U.S. funding. It prevents organizations from speaking out about the impact of unsafe abortion in their own countries, despite the fact that unsafe abortion remains a leading cause of maternal death and injury in many low- and middle-income countries; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to eliminate funding for much needed Planned Parenthood clinic services in North Carolina have previously been denied due to opposition to their other, non-state funded, abortion services; and

WHEREAS, The Global Health, Empowerment, and Rights (HER) Act of 2021 provides that a foreign nongovernmental organization shall not be disqualified from receiving certain U.S. international development assistance solely because the organization provides medical services using non-U.S. government funds if the medical services are legal in both the United States and the country in which they are being provided. Such foreign organizations shall not be subject to requirements relating to their use of non-U.S. funds for advocacy or lobbying activities, other than those that apply to U.S. nongovernmental organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party calls on all North Carolina congressional representatives and senators to support the Global HER Act.

Resolution Calling for Closure of UNC’s Coal-Fired Power Plant

WHEREAS, The University of North Carolina is the last of North Carolina’s 53 public and private colleges and universities, which still operates its own coal-fired power plant; and

WHEREAS, Coal pollutants contribute to 4 of the 5 leading causes of death in the United States: heart disease, cancer, stroke, and chronic lower respiratory diseases; and



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WHEREAS, The University of North Carolina’s coal -fired power plant is currently located on West Cameron Avenue adjacent to two historically black neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Numerous studies have found that polluting industries are far more likely to locate in communities of color, thus raising environmental justice concerns; and

WHEREAS, The University’s most recent permit for this coal plant requested an increase in the heat output limit of the plant, rather than a decrease; and

WHEREAS, Coal plants produce 1/5 of global greenhouse gas emissions - more than any other single source; and

WHEREAS, Many of the nation's largest utility companies, including Duke Energy, have already implemented plans to end their use of coal in the near future; and

WHEREAS, Global warming, largely caused by the burning of fossil fuels, is a major threat to our coastline, with damaging flooding expected to occur more frequently over the next 3 decades; and

WHEREAS, A 2018 report by the International Panel on Climate Change concluded that the difference between 1.5 and 2 degrees Celsius in warming could mean substantially more poverty, extreme heat, sea level rise, habitat loss, and drought; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party calls on the North Carolina General Assembly, the University of North Carolina Board of Trustees, The North Carolina Utilities Commission, and all other offices, agencies and departments of the State government, to work towards closing the University of North Carolina’s coal-fired power plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party calls on the North Carolina General Assembly, and the University of North Carolina System’s Board of Governors to require the University of North Carolina, and all schools within the UNC system, to pursue sources of renewable energy.

Resolution Calling for Local Control of Landfills

WHEREAS, On June 15, 2018, the North Carolina Legislature ratified House Bill 56, which relaxed regulations on landfills and allowed for “life-of-site” operation; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina law permits that the lifespan of a landfill may be as much as 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Waste management firms have faced numerous lawsuits brought forth by citizens and environmental organizations, due to their disregard for neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, Numerous studies have found that polluting industries are far more likely to locate in communities of color, thus raising environmental justice concerns; and



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WHEREAS, Many materials that end up as “waste” contain toxic substances which leach into our soil and groundwater, and become environmental hazards for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Organic materials, such as food scraps, often end up landfills where they release dangerous methane gasses; and

WHEREAS, Landfills often take in materials, such as coal ash, and medical waste ash, which the adjacent communities may not be aware of; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the local government to protect the health and well-being of its citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party calls on the North Carolina General Assembly and the offices, agencies and departments of the State government to work towards a policy which empowers citizens and local governments, by ending “life-of-site” landfill permitting in North Carolina.

A Resolution to Support FDA-Approved Vaccinations

WHEREAS, The divide in opposition to vaccinations is seemingly a political one; and

WHEREAS, Several Republican held state legislatures are moving to put in place opposition to all vaccines, including those currently required for admission to primary school; and

WHEREAS, The health and safety of all Americans, particularly children, depend on keeping a vaccination requirement for admission to primary school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, We, the North Carolina Democratic Party, will work to support FDA approved vaccinations for a host of preventable diseases including but not limited to SARS-CoV2 (COVID 19) and the usual childhood vaccinations for the health and benefit of all citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we stand in support of vaccinations, and to follow the North Carolina State Legislative proceedings in regards to vaccine mandates.

A Resolution Calling for the Correction of the Affordable Care Act’s “Family Glitch”

WHEREAS, About 13% of North Carolinians under age 64 remain without health insurance, and many of those with insurance have unaffordable, unusable, unsustainable “catastrophic” plans; and

WHEREAS, The average annual premium for employer-sponsored coverage for families is about \$20,000, and the average household income in NC is about \$57,000, leaving the average family to pay about 35% of their income just to cover their healthcare premiums; and

WHEREAS, The “family glitch” of ACA calculates affordability of health insurance based only on coverage for the employee, leaving a loophole for insurance companies to charge exorbitant amounts when adding coverage for their spouse and children. Because of this loophole, those family members would remain ineligible to receive a subsidized plan through the ACA; and



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WHEREAS, The ACA's "family glitch" affects about 5 million people nationwide, mostly women and children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the ACA must be fine-tuned to address the "family glitch", by taking into account the affordability of employer based healthcare coverage for the entire family.

A Resolution to End the Direct Contracting Entities Pilot Program

WHEREAS, The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services "Innovation Center" is piloting a program in North Carolina and 37 other states that will move Traditional Medicare enrollees into 3rd party private, for profit middlemen groups, labeled "Direct Contracting Entities" without the enrollee's knowledge or consent, and without Congressional oversight; and

WHEREAS, Traditional Medicare spends 98% of its money on patient care and just 2% on overhead and nothing on profit while DCEs can spend as little as 60% on patient care and keep 40% for overhead and profit for themselves; and

WHEREAS, The DCE model is a major ripoff for taxpayers because it incentivizes fraud, endangers the health of seniors because of the incentives to ration care, and it will not improve the efficiency or affordability of care for seniors if DCEs leave 40% of a bill to be paid out of pocket by the enrollee; and

WHEREAS, The big losers in this model are senior enrollees and taxpayers while the big winners are oligarchs, investors in DCEs and other Wall Street entities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party demand an immediate halt to the stealth implementation of the DCE program; and

RESOLVED, Demand that congress hold hearings on this program and establish oversight of the Innovation Center; and

RESOLVED, That enrollees who have already been transferred to DCEs without their knowledge or consent be immediately returned to the traditional Medicare that they chose for themselves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the acting Inspector General for CMS be replaced immediately with a regular Inspector General confirmed by Congress that can provide effective oversight over CMS.

CIVIL RIGHTS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND EDUCATION:

Calling for an End to the Censorship and Removal of Books and Other Media From North Carolina Libraries

WHEREAS, The residents of the State of North Carolina place a high value on the value of free and unfettered access to a varied selection of media in our libraries; and



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WHEREAS, A well-rounded and properly educated population is entitled to free access to a wide variety of media and learning materials; and

WHEREAS, the censorship of books and the decisions of individuals evaluating books as being “dangerous” or “inappropriate” is contrary to the values of a democratic society;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that decisions on banning books and removing them from the libraries of our state should be made by those with the professional academic credentials to evaluate them dispassionately.

Protect Equitable Learning Environments in North Carolina Schools

WHEREAS, The American Dream is that children receive an education as their path to success, but many have obstacles in their way; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that students with access to free breakfast have improved attendance rates and perform better in school, and that free and accessible school meals reduce financial stress for students and families, improve health outcomes in students, and lead to fewer behavioral incidents and lower suspension rates; and

WHEREAS, Democrats continue to support schools and communities that work together to address racism and other forms of oppression and create opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that HBCU land-grant universities have been underfunded over the last three decades in comparison to their historically white counterparts, and the most recent appropriations from the North Carolina General Assembly reveals that HBCU NC A&T University was underfunded by approximately \$2.8 billion dollars since 1987 compared to historically white NC universities; and

RESOLVED, That the NC Democratic Party supports all attempts to create equitable learning environments in schools and extracurricular school activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the NC Democratic Party call on Congress to pass the Universal School Meals Program Act, which provides long-term, cost-effective solutions to childhood hunger, would help boost children’s nutritional intake, decrease food insecurity, reduce the stigma of poverty, address racial inequities and would ensure that all children have access to nutritious meals in order to learn and thrive year-round.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the NC Democratic Party supports efforts to provide ethnic and economic diversity and equitable treatment of all schools, including HBCU land-grant universities.

RESOLUTION ON CURRICULUM STANDARDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS it is mandated by the Constitution of North Carolina to provide quality education to all students; and



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WHEREAS on February 3, 2022 the State Board of Education approved an internal procedures manual for reviewing, revising, and implementing content standards for North Carolina Schools; and

WHEREAS the Department of Public Instruction Division of Academic Standards has established standards and procedures involving the participation of both community and professional educator representation in the development of education content standards; and

WHEREAS, these standards permit local educators to adapt these standards within established guidelines for providing a uniform level of education and opportunity across the entire state of North Carolina:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that educators should be empowered to use their professional academic training.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina state legislature and council of state should be prohibited from modifying school curriculum through legislative and executive means without adhering to the process set forth in the public education manual.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NC Department of Public Instruction adheres to the standards established for the evaluation and modification processes of curriculum change set forth in the internal manual adopted in February 2022 for a regular periodic review and reassessment of curriculum content.

Resolution on Prioritizing Student Loan Forgiveness

WHEREAS, High levels of student loan debt can make it impossible for graduates to fully participate in the economy compelling them to avoid less remunerative, though socially useful, careers, to address their debt; and

WHEREAS, The need for loan forgiveness can vary among students; and

RESOLVED, That the legislature shall adopt a program of student loan forgiveness to be based upon financial need and career path.

A Resolution to Provide Scholarships for Minorities Who Aspire To Be Teachers

WHEREAS, There is a shortage of teachers across North Carolina particularly among minority teachers who make up approximately 23% of all teachers while minority students make up approximately 55% of all students in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that minority students achieve better academically and socially when they have teachers and mentors who are also minority; and

RESOLVED, That the state of North Carolina expand its scholarship program to include qualified minority students who desire to become teachers in all subject areas and who agree to teach in North Carolina public schools for a period of at least three years; and



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RESOLVED, That North Carolina’s state-supported community colleges, colleges, universities and historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) provide financial assistance, scholarship, and encouragement to minority scholarship holders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That local school districts hire minority teachers who complete the minority scholarship program and all other such requirements for teacher certification.

Immigration, Foreign Affairs, and Military Affairs

A Resolution Asking the President to Instruct the CIA to Release Information on Torture Flights and Victims

WHEREAS, Congressman David Price sent a letter to CIA Directors Gina Haspel and William Burns in October, 2020, and again in December, 2021, requesting information "related to activities under the CIA’s Rendition, Detention, and Interrogation (RDI) program that were conducted in North Carolina and relied upon the private citizens and public infrastructure of North Carolina;" and

WHEREAS, The information sought is based on investigation by a non-governmental, non-partisan citizen-led North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture (NCCIT) into operations of the CIA-front airline, Aero Contractors, based at Johnston County airport, that published its report, "Torture Flights: North Carolina’s Role in the CIA Rendition and Torture Program" in September, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The NCCIT heard testimony from many witnesses, including victims of rendition and torture, but lacked access to government records and classified information; and

WHEREAS, The NCCIT found that there has never been an accounting for approximately 49 persons rendered by the CIA for detention and interrogation in other countries, including Syria, Egypt, Morocco, and Libya, some known to have been tortured by security forces, whose exact number and whose experiences and fates remain unknown; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That President Biden instruct the CIA to declassify and release information as follows:

- A. The number and names of persons rendered under the RDI program to which countries;
- B. The fate of those prisoners during RDI, and what is known of their current locations;
- C. How many of the prisoners ever were convicted of an offense under the receiving nation's criminal justice system;
- D. Identification of the airplanes used for the rendition missions and whether they were flown by Aero Contractors or another company;



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- E. Information as to whether any of the following procedures were used either by CIA officers or by private contractors in preparation for or during the transport of those prisoners: involuntary cavity searches, involuntary sedation, involuntary sensory deprivation, or physical violence such as beatings, kicking, or painful restraint;
- F. Whether there is now a contractual relationship between any federal agency and Aero Contractors; and
- G. Whether Aero Contractors currently is involved in forcible transport of detainees within or outside the United States, and whether other private North Carolina companies are participating with them.

A Resolution in Support of the People of Ukraine

WHEREAS, The people and the democratically elected government of Ukraine have been under attack by Russian armed forces since the 24th of February in an unprovoked war of territorial expansion; and

WHEREAS, The war started by the Russian government has been nearly universally condemned as a grotesque violation of international law; and

WHEREAS, Russian armed forces and mercenaries are deliberately targeting Ukrainian civilian populations, including hospitals, schools, and those making use of humanitarian relief corridors to flee, with the intent of inflicting maximum suffering on the civilian population in order to force action by the government; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of residents of North Carolina are of Ukrainian descent, including many with close family relationships and connections with those currently under siege by Russian forces; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of North Carolina fully and unequivocally supports the Ukrainian people as they defend themselves from ongoing aggression; and

RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of North Carolina commits itself to continuing to support our Ukrainian neighbors through this unimaginably difficult period of time, and to do everything possible to welcome Ukrainian refugees who seek shelter in North Carolina; and

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of North Carolina strongly supports President Biden's actions to support the people of Ukraine, including his leadership in the international community to bring historic sanctions against the government and oligarchs of Russia to make the continued war effort as difficult as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of North Carolina condemns any and all efforts to justify and excuse the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine currently being undertaken by some groups who are willingly or unwillingly using Russian propaganda in the process.



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A Resolution in Support of Aiding Laos in the Removal of - and Preventing the Future use of - Cluster Munitions

WHEREAS, During the Vietnam war, the United States dropped an estimated 270 million cluster bombs over the country of Laos at a cost 44 billion dollars over the course of the war; and

WHEREAS, Nearly one third of those bombs failed to detonate on impact, leaving 80 million pieces of unexploded ordinance across the country; and

WHEREAS, Those unexploded bombs cover at least one-third of Laos's land across all 17 of its provinces and 41 of its 46 poorest districts; and

WHEREAS, Those unexploded bombs have led to tens of thousands of civilian deaths, including over 20,000 since the end of the war; and

WHEREAS, More than 98% of known cluster bomb victims are civilians, nearly 40% of those children; and

WHEREAS, The United States has only contributed an average of two million dollars a year to help clean up those bombs that we dropped; and

WHEREAS, Since the end of the war, only 1% of those unexploded bombs have been able to be cleared; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party support legislation to meaningfully increase American funding to assist Laos and Laoatian nonprofits in removing these unexploded weapons from Laotian land; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party support joining the International Convention on Cluster Munitions signed by 111 other countries that would ban the production, stockpile, and use of such cluster bomb weapons in the future.

A Resolution in Support of Human Rights in Israel/Palestine

WHEREAS, The United States government has an obligation to uphold and promote human rights around the world, both legally, through legislation like that of the Leahy Law, and morally; and

WHEREAS, Human Rights groups including the internationally recognized Amnesty International, B'Tselem, Human Rights Watch, and Yesh Din have found that the policies and actions taken by Israeli governmental institutions as well as certain Israeli individuals amount to both "gross human rights violations" and the crime against humanity of apartheid and persecution; and

WHEREAS, These violations include, but are not limited to:



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- **Forcible Transfer:** In which Israel has removed and demolished tens of thousands of Palestinian communities and homes that it refuses to recognize, even though those communities existed there for decades, in order to maximize land available to Jewish communities; by making it exceedingly difficult to remain in certain areas, through blocking building permits and access to utilities such as water, sewage, and electricity, amounting to forcible transfer through a policy of 'relocation.'
- **Expropriation of Landed Property:** In which the land of the Palestinians has been taken by Israel in an effort to follow through on its constitutionally-equivalent policy of "Jewish Settlement as a National Value" in order to further the idea that "self-determination in the State of Israel is unique to the Jewish people." The land taken through this policy, equivalent to that of eminent domain in the United States, is used to set up barriers, roads, houses, universities, and other, similar services available exclusively to Jewish settlers. This expropriated land now accounts for over 1/3rd of all the land of East Jerusalem and the West Bank and 65% to 85% of formerly Palestinian land within Israel breaking Palestinian communities into enclaves surrounded by restricted land, requiring Palestinians to obtain permits just to leave their local communities.
- **Creation of Separate Reserves and Ghettos:** The purposeful end goal of Israeli actions such as expropriation of land and forcible transfer is the fracturing and ghettoization of Palestinian lands. While Palestinians make up about 20% of Israel proper's population, the vast majority are restricted to only 3% of its land through a combination of state land being used almost entirely for Jewish settlement and localized admission committees that can reject applicants for being "not suitable for the social life of the community" in order to create and maintain Jewish-only communities. Within East Jerusalem and the West Bank, more than 600 checkpoints separate Palestinian communities from one-another, checkpoints at which security forces can turn back Palestinians without reason. While Jewish citizens, including settlers in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, have access to clean water and around-the-clock electricity, the same is not provided to the Palestinians. Perhaps the most severely restricted are those two million people who call the Gaza Strip home. Palestinians in Gaza have access to electricity for as little as four hours a day, and 96% of Gaza's water is unfit for human consumption. Almost no one is allowed to enter or exit Gaza, as checkpoints fully restrict those residents from entrance or exit, lowering the number of people transitioning between Israel and Gaza by 98% from its pre-blockade numbers.
- **Denial of the Right to Leave and Return to Their Country, and the Right to a Nationality:** In addition to Israeli restrictions on the movement of Palestinians within their own land, Israel controls Palestinian international travel as well. In the West Bank, Israel controls the Allenby Crossing between Palestine and Jordan, the only way to leave their country, and has issued hundreds of travel bans through the use of secret, unspecified security restrictions that cannot be accessed even in court. In addition to making it difficult for Palestinians to leave Gaza and the West Bank, those wishing to return to their family lands are also faced by near-insurmountable challenges. While Israel gives any Jew, anywhere in the world, the right to immigrate to and become citizens of Israel at any time, even if they settle in occupied East Jerusalem or the West Bank, those Palestinians and their families who were either expelled from Israel in 1948 or fled from fighting in



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the region after that time are not granted that same right of return. Finally, by both not recognizing Palestine and holding the revocation of residency as a threat above all Palestinians, Israel denies the Palestinians a right to a national identity. By denying this right, Israel subjects all non-Israeli citizen Palestinians to a "state" in which they have no legal protections or rights, even to basic needs like food, water, and shelter, as can be seen in the actions of Israel towards these people; and

WHEREAS, as Israel has shown itself to be either unwilling or unable to address these human rights violations, the United States must ensure that American resources, such as the bombs used without justification on civilian targets this past May, are not used to further these injustices, either in the American or Israeli name; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party call on the United States to follow its already existing laws in regards to equipping and aiding foreign entities that engage in gross violations of human rights; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party call on the United States follow the international recommendations to screen its aid and other economic and security relations with Israel for materials and other projects that go towards Israeli violations of human rights; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party call on the United States to impose targeted sanctions, including travel bans and asset freezes, on those individuals and entities that continue to commit such crimes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party call on the United States to condition future arms sales and security assistance to Israel, including the nearly four billion dollars in military aid annually, on Israeli authorities taking concrete and verifiable steps towards ending their commission of the crimes of apartheid and persecution.

A Resolution Calling for an end to American Support for Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen

WHEREAS, The civil war in Yemen between the Houthi rebel group and the Saudi-led coalition has now dragged into its eighth year; and

WHEREAS, The war has created one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world, killing 377,000 people - 70% of them children - and jeopardizing the health, lives, and futures of tens of millions more; and

WHEREAS, Despite President Biden's 2021 call for an end to the war in Yemen, American foreign policy and arms sales have continued to allow for further coalition offensives and the de-incentivization of a diplomatic end to the conflict; and

WHEREAS, 2021 and 2022 have only seen an increase in the conflict and the humanitarian disaster as Saudi Arabia further tightens its blockade on incoming food, water, and fuel; and

WHEREAS, American unwillingness to disengage itself from this conflict has called into question United States complicity in human rights violations and potential war crimes recognized by the United Nations; now, therefore, be it



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RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party call on its elected officials to take action to end the continued American sale and maintenance of Saudi Arabia's and other coalition members' offensive weapons of war; and

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party call on President Biden and others in power to push for an end to Saudi Arabia's blockade of Yemen; and

RESOLVED, That the United States and its allies work to find funding to cover the United Nations' Yemen focused humanitarian budget shortfall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States continue to call for the reinstatement of an international neutral body to investigate the potential war crimes of both the Houthi rebels and the Saudi-led coalition.

Resolution for an Independent Investigation of the Killing of Shireen Abu Akleh

WHEREAS, Palestinian-American Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was killed by a bullet to the head while covering an Israeli raid on the Palestinian refugee camp in Jenin on May 11; and

WHEREAS, Israeli officials initially blamed the incident on Palestinian gunmen that claim was quickly refuted; and

WHEREAS, Israeli military spokesperson Ran Kochav blamed Abu Akleh's death for "being armed with a camera"; and

WHEREAS, Israeli police then attacked her funeral processions and beat the pallbearers of her coffin; and

WHEREAS, a CNN investigation found that "Shireen Abu Akleh was killed in targeted attack by Israeli forces"; and

WHEREAS, investigative reporting by Bellingcat found that the Israeli forces were most likely to have been responsible for the killing; and

WHEREAS, Israel has decided not to investigate the killing of an American citizen; and

WHEREAS, 57 members of the House of Representatives have since called on "the State Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) [to] launch an investigation into Ms. Abu Akleh's death"; and

WHEREAS, Republican Senator Mitt Romney and Democratic Senator Jon Ossoff have now called on "the State Department [to] ensure there is a full and transparent investigation and accountability for Ms. Akleh's death";



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party support the bipartisan calls in Congress for a thorough, independent and transparent investigation by the State Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigations into the killing of American citizen and journalist Shireen Abu Akleh.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCDP commend Representative Alma Adams and Representative David Price for proactively making the calls for an investigation into the killing of an American citizen and for upholding the rights of a free press.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCDP urge President Biden and all members of Congress, both Democratic and Republican, to join the calls for accountability for the targeted killing of an American citizen and to report if any US military aid, whether directly or indirectly, played a part in the killing.

Resolution to Commemorate May 15 as Nakba Remembrance Day

WHEREAS, President Biden has “committed to a world in which human rights are protected, their defenders are celebrated, and those who commit human rights abuses are held accountable”;

WHEREAS, the Nakba, or Catastrophe in Arabic, is the traumatic expulsion of over 750 thousand Palestinians and the destruction of over 500 Palestinian villages and neighborhoods in order to establish the state of Israel; and

WHEREAS, this meant that over 75% of Palestinians who were meant to be citizens of Israel were forcibly expelled or denied to return to their homes in 1948; and

WHEREAS, the UN General Assembly Resolution 194 calls for “the refugees wishing to return to their homes and live at peace with their neighbours should be permitted to do so at the earliest practicable date” - this has been denied to the Palestinian refugees since 1948; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the 1948 war, Israel took control of 77% of Palestine by establishing the Green Line, subsequently Israel occupied the remaining 23% of Palestine during the 1967 war and now controls all of Palestine; and

WHEREAS, Palestinians now live under the control of a single state but are subjected to varying legal frameworks which Palestinians call a state of “ongoing Nakba” which include:

- Citizenship with voting rights in Israel but no national rights while continue to be increasingly subjected to discriminatory laws such as the Nation State Law.



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- Resident status for Palestinians annexed in Jerusalem but afforded no voting rights in Israel. These Palestinian residents are now being expelled from their homes in East Jerusalem neighborhoods of Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan.
- Military rule over residents of the West Bank with varying degrees of limited local self-administration while experiencing increasing settler violence and land confiscation for illegal settlement growth and segregated roads.
- A brutal military siege on residents of Gaza against whom open warfare is carried out periodically; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports legislation at the General Assembly to commemorate May 15 as Nakba Remembrance Day.

Economy and Labor

Resolution to Reduce the Long-Term Cost of North Carolina Transportation Fleets Through the Adoption of Electric Powered Vehicles

WHEREAS, It has been shown that particulate matter and gasses such as carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, and oxides of nitrogen present in the exhaust of internal combustion vehicles damage the health of both children and adults; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Democratic Party recognizes that the continued use of fossil fuels is unsustainable and harms the environment and its natural resources, and supports reducing fossil fuel dependency by adopting sustainable and renewable energy sources, as well as by improving the energy efficiency of government facilities; and

WHEREAS, The use of electric vehicles reduces the use of fossil fuels, and can reduce vehicle fuel consumption costs by as much as 80% and vehicle maintenance costs by as much as 90%; and

WHEREAS, State, county, and municipal governments around the country have purchased electric vehicles and obtained substantial fuel and maintenance savings per vehicle; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Democratic Party understands that convenient charging infrastructure that meets the capacity requirements of North Carolina's fleet(s) is necessary to realize the full potential of electric vehicles; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party supports



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- Replacing all end-of-life North Carolina vehicles (including sedans, police cars, ambulances, fire trucks, garbage trucks and any and all other state vehicles) with an electric vehicle equivalent, if one is commercially available; and
- Purchasing electric vehicles, if available, as the need to increase the state vehicle fleet arises; and
- Installing up-to-date charging stations at all state facilities, including, but not limited to, police stations, schools, and government offices; and
- Retraining all state employees who service and maintain internal combustion vehicles as their services become unnecessary.