

## **Resolution on Restoring the Labor Hall of Fame at the U.S. Department of Labor**

### **Whereas**

- 1.** In February of this year Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis dismantled the Labor Hall of Fame at the United States Department of Labor without consulting with the AFL-CIO, State Federations or AFGE Locals of the United States Department of Labor, and
- 2.** The labor movement in the United States has a rich and diversified heritage, and
- 3.** The United States labor movement produced the American middle class and, given that democracy is impossible with a vibrant middle class, our country's democracy depends on a viable American labor movement, and
- 4.** The United States labor movement has been the backbone of the civil rights movement, the women's movement, and all other progressive movements fighting for human rights, human dignity, and social justice in the United States of America, and
- 5.** The United States would not have triumphed in World War II but for the might, courage, and ingenuity of the women and men of the American labor movement, and
- 6.** The United States Department of Labor was created in response to the carnage of workers who died at the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire in New York City in 1911, and
- 7.** The year 2013 will be the Centennial Anniversary of the establishment of the United States Department of Labor.

### **Therefore, be it resolved that:**

- 1. The Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO, demands that the United States Department of Labor restore the Labor Hall of Fame to its status before the artifacts of the displays are disposed of by Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, and**
- 2. The Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO will urge the AFL-CIO, other DC-based national unions, Council affiliates and area members of Congress to support this resolution, and**
- 3. The Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO will send a letter to Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis demanding that she restore the United States Labor Hall of Fame.**

*Unanimously approved by the Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO Board and delegates June 18, 2012.*