

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, American women of every age, race, class, sexual orientation, gender expression, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation;

Whereas American women of every age, race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, including the Democratic Party;

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the peace movement, the civil rights movement, the LGBTQ rights movement, and other movements, which create a more fair and just society for all;

WHEREAS, young women today are becoming one of the most potent political forces in the nation; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Young Democrats of America that we honor March as "Women's History Month" and encourage our members, state organizations, and allies to recognize the contributions of women and engage, in some meaningful way, to the continued fight for equality.

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2016 AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
HERITAGE MONTH**

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WHEREAS, Congress has recognized May as Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month to celebrate the accomplishments of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders and their contributions to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander voters are an increasingly important constituency in elections across the country, and currently represent over five percent of the voting-age population in at least seven states;

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America have a long history of supporting causes important to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community such as civil rights, voting rights, immigration reform, access to education, access to healthcare, among many others; and

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America have a long history of welcoming Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders into leadership roles beginning with Patsy T. Mink, who was elected as National Vice President in November 1957; and

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America recently created an Asian American and Pacific Islander Caucus to increase efforts to reach out to and engage young Asian American and Pacific Islander Democrats;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Young Democrats of America recognize May 2016 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Young Democrats of America call upon individual state and local chapters to commemorate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with suitable educational, outreach, and advocacy activities.

**A RESOLUTION TO THANK THE OHIO YOUNG DEMOCRATS AND THE FRANKLIN COUNTY
YOUNG DEMOCRATS FOR HOSTING A SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL MEETING**

Sponsors: Louis Elrod (GA), Tyler Dos Santos-Tam (HI), Carrie McFadden (CA), Quentin Wathum-Ocama (OH), Kristina Fox (RI), Cecilia Morgan (TX), Constantina Meis (NJ), Akilah Ansley (NC).

WHEREAS, the Ohio Young Democrats and the Franklin County Young Democrats have hosted a successful national meeting of the Young Democrats of America in Columbus, Ohio from March 18 to March 20, 2016,

WHEREAS, the hospitality, congeniality, and professionalism, exhibited by both the Ohio Young Democrats and the Franklin County Young Democrats was unparalleled in carrying out the planning, organization and implementation of a successful national conference,

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America thanks Ohio Democratic Party Chair David Pepper, Former Ohio Governor Ted Strickland, Columbus City Council President Zach Klein, Columbus City Council members Elizabeth Brown, Shannon Hardin, Jaiza Page and Michael Stinziano, Franklin County Commissioner Marilyn Brown, Newark City Council Member Jeremy Blake, Columbus City School Board Member Dominic Paretti, State Representatives Kristin Boggs, Emilia Sykes and Dan Ramos, and Ohio Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni for taking the time out of their extremely busy schedules to address our membership,

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America recognizes the efforts that many individuals within the Ohio Young Democrats, the Franklin County Young Democrats, and the Ohio Democratic Party took to support this national meeting,

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America especially recognizes the efforts of the YDACBUS host committee co-chairs Jen House and Bridgette Tupes;

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America also recognizes the efforts of the YDACBUS host committee members Leo Almedia, Stacie Baker, Bill Benner, Michaela Hahn Burris, Chris Clevenger, Shannon Hardin, Dontavius Jarrells, Michael Lakomy, Mike Liggett, Brandyn McElroy, Dimitri McDaniel, and Dominic Paretti;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Young Democrats of America officers their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Ohio Young Democrats and the Franklin County Young Democrats for their hospitality, dedicated and outstanding service in making this a productive and enjoyable event for all attendees of this national meeting.

**A RESOLUTION DEMANDING FAIR LABOR PRACTICES FROM NISSAN AND THE RENAULT
NISSAN ALLIANCE IN CANTON, MISSISSIPPI**

Sponsors: Rashad Gaines (SC), Briana Cartwright (CA)

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America (YDA) is concerned about jobs and economic development of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the decline in our middle class is directly related to the decline in unionization; and

WHEREAS, The YDA Labor Caucus holds a duty and responsibility to educate citizens in all of our states on worker injustices; and

WHEREAS, it is problematic and a violation of human and civil rights when a foreign automaker operates in the United States and suppress Americans; and

WHEREAS, Canton, Mississippi Nissan workers have expressed interest in being treated the same as the Nissan workers in Japan and all over the world by having a union in order to have a voice on the job and to address issues of fairness and safety; and

WHEREAS, Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn presides over the Renault Nissan Alliance which has a global framework agreement to be neutral in union organizing drives at Renault plants around the world;

WHEREAS, Nissan-Canton has responded to the union interest activity by suppressing union activity including: threatening to close the plant if employees vote for a union; threatening retaliation against employees for supporting the union; threatening to terminate employees for supporting the union; and by saying that there would be negative consequences and potential loss of jobs if the workers exercised their right to unionize; thereby reducing U.S. citizens to second class members of its international workforce.

WHEREAS, Nissan holds anti union meetings and shows anti union videos on company time without allowing union supporters equal time;

WHEREAS, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) following a 6-month investigation, has found merit on the charges filed against Nissan for unlawful activity and has issued a formal Complaint charging Nissan with numerous violations of federal labor law including threatening and coercing employees in violation of their rights as American citizens;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Young Democrats of America reaffirm its commitment to the right to fair labor practices and unionization by demanding that Nissan and the Renault Nissan Alliance afford its American workers that same employment rights as those extended to its workforce around the world.