

Resolution to stand with the Standing Rock Sioux and Protectors
Presented by Jacintha Webster, Oklahoma and Drew Pollom, Washington

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Indian Reservation was established as a permanent homeland for the Hunkpapa, Yanktonai, Cuthead and Blackfoot bands of the Great Sioux Nation: and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Access Pipeline threatens public health and welfare on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe relies on the waters of the life-giving Missouri River for our continued existence, and the Dakota Access Pipeline poses a serious risk to Mni Sose and to the very survival of the Tribe; and .

WHEREAS, the horizontal direction drilling in the construction of the pipeline would destroy valuable cultural resources of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Access Pipeline violates Article 2 of the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty which guarantees that the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe shall enjoy the “undisturbed use and occupation” of our permanent homeland, the Standing Rock Indian Reservation;

WHEREAS, we recognize and respect the sovereign rights of the Standing Rock Sioux; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Young Democrats of America hereby strongly opposes the Dakota Access Pipeline; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Young Democrats of America stands with the Water Protectors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Young Democrats of America call upon Energy Transfer Partners and Sunoco to cease construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline immediately.

**RESOLUTION JOINING THE CALL TO PRESIDENT OBAMA TO PARDON PUERTO RICAN
POLITICAL PRISONER OSCAR LOPEZ (PR)**

Resolution Sponsored by the YDA Hispanic Caucus Chair Anthony Carrillo

Section 1 The Young Democrats of America hereby finds, determines and declares as follows:

Whereas, The Young Democrats of America preamble expresses as its purpose the stimulation in young people of an active interest in governmental affairs and promote their involvement in the political process, to promote the acquisition of political power by young people, to promote the policies and practices which are consistent with the highest principles, to increase the efficiency of popular government and to provide the highest degree of justice and social welfare for the citizens of our country;

Whereas, Oscar Lopez Rivera, a Puerto Rican Political Prisoner at 72 years old, has spent more than half of his life in US Federal prison (35 years), more years than Nelson Mandela for non violent acts, today YDA joins hundreds of Democratic and Human Rights advocates to request President Barack Obama for his release.

Therefore be resolved it:

Section 1 As the Party of the People We believe in basic human rights, dignity and respect of the principles and values we share as Democrats;

Section 2 We join the fight, as hundreds of democratic, independent, and human rights advocates to request President Barack Obama to use his Executive Powers to pardon Puerto Rican political prisoner Oscar Lopez Rivera.

Section 3 This Resolution was presented and approved by the Young Democrats of America National Committee on Sunday, December 11th, 2016.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE FOLLOWING LATINO ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE 2016 ELECTION:

**US SENATOR ELECT CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO (D-NV),
US REPRESENTATIVE ELECT DARREN SOTO (D-FL),
US REPRESENTATIVE ELECT ADRIANO D. ESPAILLAT (D-NY),
US REPRESENTATIVE RUBEN KIHUEN (D-NV),
US REPRESENTATIVE ELECT NANETTE BARRAGAN (D-CA),
US REPRESENTATIVE ELECT SALUD CARBAJAL (D-CA),
US REPRESENTATIVE ELECT LOU CORREA (D-CA),
APPOINTED ATTORNEY GENERAL, XAVIER BECERRA (D-CA), AND
GOVERNOR ELECT DR. RICARDO ROSSELLO (D-PR)**

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Whereas, As Latino leaders in your respective states you have contributed to fulfill our organization's mission and vision by leading by example and encouraging future generations to do the same, issue advocacy, activism, and most notably, now serving in your new roles as elected official.

Therefore be resolved it:

Section 1 We recognize the invaluable contributions you have made to our Party, which have been imperative to the successful operation of this organization and have served as an inspiration to the younger generations within YDA that continue to give the good fight everyday in defense of the principles and values we share as Democrats;

Section 2 We congratulate you in your election and recognize your leadership, hard work, perseverance and we wish you the very best in all your future endeavors;

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A Resolution to Celebrate the Occasion of Lunar New Year 2017

Sponsored by: Tyler Dos Santos-Tam (HI), Justin D. Meyers (CA), Raytan Vares (HI), Kainoa Kaumeheiwa-Rego (HI), Alexander Wheeler (HI), Igor Tregub (CA), Michelle Elmer (CA), Christopher Cooke (UT), Akilah Ensley (NC), John Keller (IL), Jen House (OH), Marshall Spevak (NJ), Celia Morgan (TX), Anthony Carrillo (PR), and Carrie McFadden (CA)

WHEREAS, in the traditional East Asian calendar, the new year typically begins on the date of the second new moon following the winter solstice; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is known by many names, including *Nian* in Chinese, *Seolnal* in Korean, *Tsagaan Sar* in Mongolian, *Losar* in Tibetan, and *Tết* in Vietnamese; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Lunar New Year begins on Saturday, January 28; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is an important holiday for many Asian American families, and is celebrated by millions of people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year offers Young Democrats the opportunity to learn more about and reflect more deeply upon the richness of America's diversity; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is a time to gather with family and friends, to express one's culture through food, dance, song, and performances, to honor one's ancestors, and to wish one another health, good fortune, and happiness;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Young Democrats of America join in the celebrations of Lunar New Year, wish all who observe this occasion a happy and prosperous holiday, and recommit themselves to making positive change on issues facing Asian American communities such as immigration reform, healthcare access, educational opportunities, and closing economic disparities throughout the new year.

A Resolution Remembering and Celebrating the life of Tyson Miller

Sponsored by: YDA Southeast Region Director Ryan Terrell (FL), Timothy Webster (NC), Rebekah Whilden (NC), Colby Moore (NC)

Whereas; Tyson Shane Miller was born February 22, 1988 in Burke County, North Carolina, and

Whereas; Tyson Miller was a 2010 graduate of Appalachian State University, and

Whereas; Tyson Miller was a member of the Young Democrats of North Carolina known for his contagious enthusiasm and passion for changing the world for the better, and

Whereas; Tyson Miller was an active Young Democrat who served as the President of the Chatham County Young Democrats, and

Whereas; Tyson Miller touched the hearts and souls of so many people in his state and across the country, and

Whereas; Tyson Miller tragically passed away on October 12th, and

Therefore Be It Resolved; The Young Democrats of America observe a moment of silence and remember the life of our friend and colleague, Tyson Miller

A Resolution Honoring Chris Anderson

Sponsors: YDA President Louis Elrod (GA), Billy Joyner (TN), the Young Democrats of Tennessee, the Young Democrats of Georgia, YDA Treasurer Drew Pollom (WA)

WHEREAS, Chris Anderson began his career in the Democratic Party two decades ago; and

WHEREAS, Chris Anderson has assisted his local, state and national party with campaigns, conventions, organizing, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Chris Anderson was president of the Hamilton County Young Democrats; and

WHEREAS, Chris Anderson was president of the Young Democrats of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Chris Anderson served as Platform Chair at the 2003 Young Democrats of America National Convention; and,

WHEREAS, Chris Anderson served as the first president of the Young Democrats of America State President's Association; and

WHEREAS, Chris Anderson served as Vice President for Programs for the Young Democrats of America; and

WHEREAS, Chris Anderson served as Executive Vice President for the Young Democrats of America; and

WHEREAS, Chris Anderson is responsible for programs benefiting high school students that live on in YDA today; and

WHEREAS, Chris Anderson served as a trusted advisor and lieutenant to five Young Democrats Presidents; and

WHEREAS, Chris Anderson continued to serve his local and state chapters in advising them and fostering their leadership; and

WHEREAS, Chris Anderson has always demonstrated the highest ideals of the Democratic Party and represented the Young Democrats with distinction; and

WHEREAS, countless Young Democrats across the country have learned and followed his leadership,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Young Democrats of America hereby recognize the lifelong contributions of Chris Anderson, thank him profusely for his contributions, and declare him now and forever ever after Honorary Young Democrat for Life.

A Resolution Thanking the Tennessee Young Democrats

Sponsor: Shayna Daitch, YDA Resolutions Committee Chair

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America recognize the Tennessee Young Democrats for doing an excellent job hosting the YDA Fall Meeting of 2016 in Memphis and we appreciate the warm welcome to the largest city in the Volunteer State, and

WHEREAS, TNYD put together a great welcome reception featuring DNC Chair Candidate Rep. Keith Ellison that was sponsored by the Tennessee Democratic Party, J.W. Gibson, City Councilor Chris Anderson, Mayor A.C. Wharton, Brent Hooks, Hendrell Remus, Vanecia Kimbrow, and

WHEREAS, from the BBQ to the National Civil Rights Museum to Beale Street to Graceland, YDA members got to experience the New South and the rich history of Memphis, and

WHEREAS, Memphis native Aretha Franklin taught us how to ask for R-E-S-P-E-C-T, and

WHEREAS, we already have the blues thinking about leaving,

THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED; that the Young Democrats of America thank the Tennessee Young Democrats for hosting the YDA Fall 2016 Meeting and recognize all the hard work of TNYD President London Lamar; the members of the TNYD Executive Committee including Darrell Bouldin, Brandon Johnson, Jolie Grace Wareham, Connor Carroll, Jordan Wilkins, Tamara L. Bates, and Isaac Kimes; as well as the countless others who helped put together this wonderful meeting.

A RESOLUTION TO THANK THE TENNESSEE YOUNG DEMOCRATS AND THE SHELBY COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS FOR HOSTING A SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL MEETING

Sponsor: Quentin Wathum-Ocama (OH)

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Young Democrats (TYD) and the Shelby County Young Democrats have hosted a successful national meeting of the Young Democrats of America in the Memphis, Tennessee from December 9th to 11th, 2016,

WHEREAS, the hospitality, congeniality, and professionalism, exhibited by the Tennessee Young Democrats and the Shelby 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 Joyce Adams, Cherrisse Scott, Danielle Inez, , Rhonda Bailey, Cardell Orrin, Luther Mercer, Kathleen Coffen, John Marek, Andrew DeShazo, Gale Jones Carson, Rev. Earle Fisher, Rev. Keith Norman, Amelia Keane, State Representative Jo Towns, State Senator Lee Harris, State Senator Sara Kyle, Congressman Steve Cohen, Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland, Tennessee Democratic Party Chairwoman Mary Mancini for taking the time out of their extremely busy schedules to address our membership,

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America thanks JW Gibson, the Honorable AC Wharton, Congressman Steve Cohen, Councilman Chris Anderson, State Senator Reginald Tate, Brent Hooks Allworld Project Management, Hendrelle Remus, Vanecia Kimbrough Esq., State Senator Sara Kyle, State Representative Larry Miller, State Representative Joseph Towns, State Representative John Ray Clemons, Commissioner Van Turner, Commissioner Reginald Milton, Gale Rose, Liz Rincon, Chip Forrester, Committeewoman Adrian Packis-Gillon, Michael Pope, Erin Coleman, the Davidson County Young Democrats, Davidson County Democratic Party, and the Memphis Visitors and convention Bureau for financially supporting this national meeting,

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America thanks Jolie Grace, Jessica Gaughan, Rachel Knox, George Boyington, Danielle Inez, and Brandon Johnson for volunteering their time throughout the weekend,

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America recognizes the individual and financial efforts that the Tennessee Young Democrats, the Shelby County Young Democrats, and Tennessee Democratic Party took to support this national meeting,

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America especially recognizes the efforts of the TYD President London Lamar, TYD National Committee Representative Connor Carroll, and TYD National Committee Representative Tamara Bates, Shelby Young Democrats County President Alvin Crook