

Resolution

Honoring George Kourpias

Whereas George Kourpias was the founding President of the Alliance of Retired Americans; and

Whereas he was a member of the International Association of Machinists (IAM) for nearly 70 years, culminating as its International President from 1989 to 1997; and

Whereas he navigated the IAM through some of its greatest challenges, and his tenure included fighting off former President Reagan's assault on workers; and

Whereas he recognized the importance of a forward-looking movement labor movement that includes retiree activism; and

Whereas as the founding Alliance president in 2001 he then guided the Alliance through growth and stability to become a nationally recognized retiree advocacy organization; and

Whereas he led the Alliance in the successful efforts to defeat the Social Security privatization schemes of President George W. Bush in 2005 and 2006; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alliance of Retired Americans mourns the loss of George Kourpias and pledges to continue working to ensure that the Alliance is a strong, national voice for retirees.