

Resolution Honoring Richard Trumka

Whereas Richard L. Trumka served as president of the AFL-CIO from 2009 to 2021; and

Whereas he championed workers' rights and fought to protect workers' safety and freedoms; and

Whereas he led the labor movement's efforts to create an economy based on broadly shared prosperity and held elected officials and employees accountable to working families; and

Whereas at 33 years of age, he was the youngest president elected of the United Mine Workers of America, and went on to lead one of the most successful strikes in American history against the Pittston Coal Company; and

Whereas he served Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO from 1995-2009; and

Whereas he fought for social and economic justice in his defense of democracy; and

Whereas he served as the founding Executive Vice President of the Alliance for Retired Americans, helping to build a grassroots national retiree movement; and

Whereas he established an AFL-CIO Retirement Security Working Group focused on pension protections that was a key force in the enactment of the Butch Lewis Act; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alliance for Retired Americans mourns the loss of Richard Trumka and pledges to continue to fight for his vision of economic and social justice and retirement security for all Americans.