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## Resolution

### **Alliance for Retired Americans 25th Anniversary**

**Whereas** in 2001, AFL-CIO Executive Council led by President John J. Sweeney launched the Alliance as a national advocacy organization of retired union members to strengthen the voice of retirees on issues such as Social Security, Medicare, retirement security and workers' rights; and

**Whereas** the Alliance has grown into a national retiree advocacy organization under the leadership of three Presidents George Kourpias, Barbara Easterling and Robert Roach, Jr., guiding its growth; and

**Whereas** the Alliance has grown into a national retiree advocacy organization under the leadership of two Secretary-Treasurers Ruben Burks and Joseph Peters, Jr., guiding its growth; and

**Whereas** the Alliance has grown into a national retiree advocacy organization under the leadership of three labor

Executive Vice Presidents Richard Trumka, Liz Shuler, and Fred Redmond, guiding its growth; and

**Whereas** the Alliance has grown into a national retiree advocacy organization under the leadership of three community Executive Vice Presidents Pedro Rodriguez, Judy Cato, and Julie Horwin, guiding its growth; and

**Whereas** the Alliance has grown into a national retiree advocacy organization under two Executive Directors, Edward Coyle and Richard Fiesta implementing its growth; and

**Whereas** the strength of the Alliance relies on its dedicated staff and on the dedication of its officers and activists in its state and local chapters; and

**Whereas** Alliance members advocate through lobbying, organizing, and direct action, support pro-worker and pro-retiree candidates, and inform voters through its congressional voting record; and

**Whereas** the Alliance has played a key role in major legislative victories, including the passage of the Butch Lewis Act, the Inflation Reduction Act, Social Security Fairness Act; and

**Whereas** the Alliance advocates for workers' rights, including passage of the Protect the Right to Organize Act, recognizing that strong wages and benefits are essential to retirement security; and

**Whereas** the Alliance has mobilized in defense of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, the federal workforce, and democratic institutions, including organizing nationwide actions and pursuing legal challenges to protect Americans' voting rights and personal data; and

**Whereas** the Alliance remains committed to its mission of educating, mobilizing, and advocating for a secure and dignified retirement for all Americans; and

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Alliance for Retired Americans celebrates its 25th Anniversary, honors its decades of advocacy and achievement, and reaffirms its commitment to growing its membership and strengthening its work on behalf of current and future retirees, while expressing gratitude to the AFL-CIO, its leadership, affiliates, and labor and community members for their continued dedication.