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RESOLUTION #1

Of the 7th Area Convention, April 2008

IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1903, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters has led the labor movement in the United States and Canada, emphasizing organizing, political action and workers rights, and

WHEREAS, General President James P. Hoffa and the General Executive Board have pursued new avenues for positive change, including joining the Change to Win coalition, fighting to protect our highways from unsafe Mexican truckers and by endorsing Democratic candidate Barack Obama for President,

— **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters, including Joint Councils No. 40 and No. 53, and the 48 affiliated IBT/GCIU member locals in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and West Virginia, congratulates the International Brotherhood of Teamsters on its 105 years of distinguished advocacy for working Americans and their families, and —

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters reaffirms its continued support to the pledges its continued full support to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and its programs.

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RESOLUTION #2

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IN SUPPORT OF POLITICAL ACTION AND VOTER REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, Since 1984, the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters has been the primary advocate of pro-worker legislation in Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Delaware and West Virginia, and our efforts continue, and

WHEREAS, The growing trend towards privatization of state-owned services and facilities (such as the PA Turnpike) shows the need for increased political action, and

WHEREAS, The fast approaching Presidential election makes increased political action more important than ever,,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters reaffirms its total support for our legislative goals, and urges all members to support our endorsed political candidates, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters urges all members and their families to register and vote in the November general election and all future primary and general elections.

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RESOLUTION #3

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ENDORISING BARACK OBAMA FOR PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, The eight years of George W. Bush's anti-union, anti-worker administration are coming to an end, and

WHEREAS, Many of the Democratic primary candidates are known friends to working Americans and their families; faced with a difficult choice, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters conducted a painstaking process that included scientific polling of our members, surveys of Local Union leaders and deliberations by the General Executive Board, and

_____ **WHEREAS**, This effort revealed that dramatic change is needed in the White House to bring the needs of working Americans back into focus -- and that Barack Obama is the best choice to get this vitally important job done, _____

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters joins with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in endorsing Senator Barack Obama for President, and pledges its complete support, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters calls on every Joint Council and Local Union to encourage their members to vote for Senator Barack Obama and his running mate in November.

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RESOLUTION #4

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IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

WHEREAS, The Iraq War has entered its fifth year, and thousands of members of the United States Armed Forces remain on active duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan, and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of these servicemen and women are Teamster members called to active duty as a result of their Reserve status. These dedicated Teamsters, along with those servicemen and women who have returned home after completing their military service, are a credit to their families, our nation, our International Union and to the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters,

—— **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters continues its support of our Armed Forces now on active duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations, and of those serving in the Reserves, and ——

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters congratulates these brave men and women for their selfless and heroic patriotism and wishes them all a safe tour of duty and a speedy return home.

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RESOLUTION #5

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AGAINST THE PRIVATIZATION OF THE PA TURNPIKE

WHEREAS, In December 2006 PA Gov. Ed Rendell announced he was “soliciting expressions of interest” from private bidders interested in leasing or buying the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Only the strong opposition of the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters and Teamster Local Unions 30, 77 & 250 stopped this privatization plan in 2007, and

WHEREAS, Gov. Rendell has resurrected his privatization scheme, and expects to name the top bidder by the end of April, and to immediately submit a proposed leasing plan to the PA State Legislature for approval, and

—— **WHEREAS**, If this planned privatization goes through, ———
hundreds of PA Conference members from Local Unions 30, 77 and 250 will see wage and benefit cuts, and many will lose their jobs, and

WHEREAS, Both the IBT and the PA Conference have denounced Gov. Rendell’s union-busting plan and are lobbying to get it stopped,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters condemns the proposed privatization of the PA Turnpike, and pledges to do whatever is necessary to get this plan killed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference calls on all Conf.-area Senators and Representatives to oppose this program as well.

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RESOLUTION #6

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SUPPORTING H.B. 466

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Supreme Court's "Kopko" decision has raised confusion over what law enforcement duties sheriffs and deputy sheriffs can or cannot perform, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court remanded the case of a convicted methamphetamine dealer to the lower courts and suppressed the evidence seized by deputy sheriffs, even though they obtained a search warrant, and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has over 2,000 fully trained deputy sheriffs, some of whom are Teamster members who are ready and willing to serve, and

_____ **WHEREAS**, Passage of H.B. 466 will increase the number of good Teamster law enforcement positions in those counties where we already represent deputies and improve organizing opportunities in those counties where the deputies are unorganized, and _____

WHEREAS, The Allegheny County Office of Sheriff has full law enforcement powers under the law now and works cooperatively with other law enforcement agencies, and

WHEREAS, Many sheriffs and deputy sheriffs have worked side-by-side with municipal and state police, including serving on drug and DUI task forces, prior to the "Kopko" decision, but are unable to do so today, and

WHEREAS, H.B. 466 would allow sheriffs and deputy sheriffs to participate in these law enforcement activities, based on the need of the communities in their counties.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters calls on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to approve H.B. 466.

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RESOLUTION #7

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IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY CHOICE ACT OF 2007

WHEREAS, Legislation now pending in Congress, the Community Choice Act of 2007 (S. 799, H.R. 1621), would, if enacted, provide additional federal funding to allow people eligible for Medicaid-funded assisted living to live in their own homes or in non-familial residential homes with attendant services, and

WHEREAS, There is a great need for this legislation, as the majority of senior citizens would prefer to stay in their own homes and receive help from social service agencies rather than enter a nursing home, and

WHEREAS, Passage of this legislation would also provide additional funding for social service agencies employing Teamster members, such as the members of Teamsters Local 115 employed by the Delaware County (PA) Intermediate Unit and in other locations,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters fully endorses and supports the Community Choice Act of 2007, and and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference calls on all PA Conf.-area Representatives & Senators to support this desperately-needed legislation.

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RESOLUTION #8

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AGAINST THE U.S. AIR FORCE'S AIRBUS/NORTHROP GRUMMAN CONTRACT

WHEREAS, Earlier this year the U.S. Air Force awarded a \$40 billion contract to European Aeronautic Defense & Space Co. (EADS) and Northrop Grumman for 179 refueling tankers modelled on the Airbus A330, instead of giving the contract to a U.S.-based firm, such as Boeing, and

WHEREAS, The Air Force's awarding of this critical military contract has drawn sharp criticism from the IBT and others, along with calls for the rescinding and re-awarding of the pact to a U.S. firm, as well as a federal investigation into the award process, and

— **WHEREAS**, Boeing Corp. has developed the state-of-the-art KC-767 to meet the Air Force's needs, and more than 3,000 workers are now making this aircraft in Boeing's PA facilities, —

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters joins with the IBT in condemning the Air Force's awarding of this key military contract to an European consortium, and urges its immediate rescinding and re-awarding to a U.S.-based firm, to preserve U.S. jobs and national security, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters calls upon Congress to enact legislation to ensure that only American workers completely manufacture all products and services essential to our national defense and homeland security.

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RESOLUTION #9

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IN SUPPORT OF THE D.G. YUENGLING & SON BOYCOTT

WHEREAS, The contract between Teamsters Local No. 830 and D.G. Yuengling & Son expired on March 31, 2006. Yet, on March 9, 2006, Yuengling withdrew union recognition, declaring it would no longer continue negotiating with Local 830, and began a campaign to break the union. This situation has not changed, and

WHEREAS, At the request of Local 830, the PA Conference is continuing its boycott of the following D.G. Yuengling brands: Yuengling Premium Beer, Yuengling Light, Lord Chesterfield Ale, Dark Brewed Porter, Traditional Lager, Light Lager, and Original Black & Tan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters continues to support Teamsters Local 830 in its efforts to fight the company's union-busting campaign, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters urges all PA Conf. members and their families not to buy Yuengling products until further notice.