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RESOLUTION

SUPPORT POSTAL UNIONS BY OPPOSING PRIVATIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS)

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is a national treasure guaranteed to the American people in the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service, as well as its predecessor, the United States Post Office, is in the 'public' sector; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service serves over 150 million households each day providing affordable, universal mail service to all without any taxpayer funding; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service's good union postal jobs have provided financial stability to workers from all walks of life, including racial and ethnic minorities, women and is also a major employer of veterans; and

WHEREAS, the good, living wage union postal jobs contribute to vital, healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, H.RES.47 was introduced into the House on January 13, 2021, which expresses the sense that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is under pressure to outsource and privatize services, including as a result of Trump's presidential Task Force as well as the appointment of Louis DeJoy as Postmaster General; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies has shown that privatization would result in higher prices and disparate service for rural as opposed to urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service should continue as an essential vibrant public, not private sector service; and now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO expresses our support for H. RES. 47 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO will send letters to the Representatives within their jurisdiction urging them to become co-sponsors of H. RES. 47 if they have not already done so as well as send thank you letters to those that already have become cosponsors; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that if adopted, the Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO will notify APWU President Mark Dimondstein (mdimondstein@apwu.org) and Communications Director Emily Harris (eharris@apwu.org) of said action.

Submitted by Doug Jones, SEIU UHW