

1 [Commending the Laborers' International Union of North America.]

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Resolution commending the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) for celebrating 100 years of bringing social justice to the American worker.

WHEREAS, The Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) has played a vital role in building America's highways, bridges, tunnels and subways, hospitals, schools, and houses.

WHEREAS, In 1903 Samuel Gompers, first President of the American Federation of Labor, challenged Laborers across the country to coordinate and consolidate their activities into one cohesive unit; and

WHEREAS, On April 13, 1903 25 delegates from 17 cities, representing 8,000 laborers, decided to form the 'International Hod Carriers' and 'Building Laborers' Union of America'; and,

WHEREAS, In the 1920's the Union's membership increased due to the amalgamation of three more unions:the International Compressed Air and Foundation Worker's Union; the Tunnel and Subway Constructors International Union; and the International Union of Pavers, Rammerman, Flag Layers, Brick and Curb Setters and Street Asphalt Pavers; and

WHEREAS, In 1924 the Union rallied in support of World War II efforts and membership reached 430,000 members; and

WHEREAS, In 1955 the Union began organizing non-construction workers, and

WHEREAS, To effectively reflect the union's continuous expansion of workers beyond the construction trades, the union officially changed its name in 1965 to the "Laborers' International Union of North America";

1 WHEREAS, Today, the Laborers' International Union of North America represents over
2 800,00 workers in more than 650 Locals nationwide; and

3 WHEREAS, the Laborer's International Union of North America has raised standards
4 for working families for 100 years; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San Francisco
6 commends The Laborers' International Union of North America for playing a vital role in the
7 history of the American Labor Movement.

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