

**AFSCME COUNCIL 32**  
**2018 CONVENTION RESOLUTION #1**

**Tribute to Wisconsin State AFL-CIO President Phil Neuenfeldt**

- 1   **WHEREAS,** Phil Neuenfeldt began his career on the shop floor in the manufacturing sector; and
- 2   **WHEREAS,** as an active member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace  
3                   Workers, Brother Neuenfeldt fought for fair contracts and improved health and safety  
4                   conditions for fellow workers; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,** prior to his election as President, Brother Neuenfeldt served the Wisconsin State AFL-  
6                   CIO in many capacities, most notably as Secretary-Treasurer and Legislative Director;  
7                   and
- 8   **WHEREAS,** as Legislative Director, Brother Neuenfeldt put the Wisconsin labor movement on the  
9                   offensive and advanced a working family agenda, including extending the ability to  
10                  organize, installing prevailing wage protections, defending the Family and Medical Leave  
11                  Act, teaching labor education in the schools, creating fairer tax codes, preventing the  
12                  outsourcing of public services, and creating and retaining manufacturing jobs; and
- 13   **WHEREAS,** Brother Neuenfeldt helped forge a broad coalition to fight back against egregious attacks  
14                  on labor in 2011 and 2012; and
- 15   **WHEREAS,** Brother Neuenfeldt continues to develop strategies to upgrade workplace skills and  
16                  address changes in technology and the economy, and some of his programs have been  
17                  used as national models for training and job creation; and
- 18   **WHEREAS,** Brother Neuenfeldt continues to take on projects that expand the sphere of solidarity and  
19                  improve the lives of all working families; and
- 20   **WHEREAS,** Brother Neuenfeldt will be retiring from the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO later this year.
- 21   **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the delegates to this Annual Convention of AFSCME Council  
22                  32 assembled in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, April 6-8, 2018, hereby express their heartfelt  
23                  thanks to Brother Neuenfeldt for furthering the cause of the labor movement and fighting  
24                  for the rights of working people; and
- 25   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the delegates send their wishes to Brother Neuenfeldt for a long  
26                  and happy retirement.

27 Submitted by,

28 Council 32 Executive Board  
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