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## Resolution Commemorating the San Francisco General Strike & Maritime Strike

Whereas, 2009 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic West Coast Maritime and General strike in San Francisco and on July 5, 1934 Nick Bordoise and Howard Sperry were killed and 109 people were wounded as a result of the police attack on strikers and their supporters; and

Whereas, this strike was about the fight of longshore and maritime workers to win union recognition and to have a union hiring hall instead of the bosses shape-up; and

Whereas, the 1934 general strike united the entire trade union movement, including the people of San Francisco, and the success of the general strike encouraged hundreds of thousands of workers in Northern California to build and join unions to better their conditions and lives; and

Whereas, the ILWU and the maritime trades are organizing commemoration events including a commemoration procession of labor and all working people on July 5, 2009 starting at 113 Steuart Street, where the workers were killed and the strike committee was headquartered; and

Whereas, there will be an educational conference on July 3, 2009 at the Marine Fireman's Hall, an international labor conference at ILWU Local 34 on July 6, 2009 and an exhibition on the San Francisco General and Maritime Strike at the San Francisco Main Public Library during the months of July and August; and

Whereas, July 5, 2009 is a day of remembrance for murdered strikers Nick Bordois and Howard Sperry and the tens of thousands of workers and labor supporters who gave their blood and sweat for the victory of the unions; and

Whereas, today workers in San Francisco and throughout this country also face attacks on their right to a union, the right to a job, healthcare, housing and education,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council endorses these commemoration events and urges all affiliates to participate, support and publicize among their memberships these events, including organizing union contingents on July 5, 2009 to mark this historic occasion for all working people of San Francisco and the United States.

Submitted by Robert Irminger, Inland Boatmen's Union, and adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on May 11, 2009.

Respectfully,



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