

PROTECTING LABOR'S LEGACY

- WHEREAS: the founders of the ILWU understood and valued the importance of learning labor's history, and;
- WHEREAS: the founders of the ILWU understood and valued the importance of educating the rank and file about historical and contemporary issues; and
- WHEREAS: the founders of the ILWU understood and valued the importance of maintaining a research library and archive to protect the historical record of the union's legacy for the benefit of members and friends of the ILWU; and
- WHEREAS: numerous locals and affiliates of the ILWU have also supported the creation and development of labor history archives at the University of Washington, San Francisco State University, and California State University at Northridge;
- THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED: that the San Francisco Bay Area ILWU Pensioners note with alarm that the AFL-CIO has virtually abandoned its educational programs and departments, and has announced the imminent closing of the George Meany Center labor archives and the National Labor College; and BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED: that the Bay Area Pensioners urge the ILWU Titled Officers and the 35th ILWU International Convention to call upon the AFL-CIO to reverse this course and make it a priority to protect and preserve and teach labor's legacy; and BE IT FINALLY
- RESOLVED: that the Bay Area Pensioners also call upon the delegates of the 35th Convention to reaffirm the ILWU's unwavering commitment to protecting and preserving the union's historical record in the ILWU library and to continuing to make the resources of this extraordinary library available to the active and retired members of the ILWU so that we and the coming generations will continue to benefit from the lessons of this rich and militant history.