

The following resolution was considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, and recommended for adoption by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on February 26, 2011.

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***Resolution on Protecting the Progress Enacted during President Obama's First Two Years in Office***

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2009, Barack Obama was sworn in as America's 44<sup>th</sup> President during a time of great American challenges and, working in concert with Congressional Democrats, immediately set about to find solutions to those challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama and Congressional Democrats passed the Recovery Act, saving or creating more than 3 million jobs; providing the largest middle-class tax cut in a generation; and making landmark investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and education; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama and Congressional Democrats passed Wall Street reform that empowered consumers and investors, brought shadowy Wall Street trades out into the light, and ended taxpayer-funded bailouts; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama and Congressional Democrats passed credit card reform, putting a stop to unfair practices like retroactive rate hikes and requiring credit card companies to explain their terms in plain language; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama and Congressional Democrats passed the Affordable Care Act, ending the worst practices of the insurance industry, lowering health care costs for American families and businesses alike, and guaranteeing that every American will finally have the opportunity to purchase quality, affordable health care; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama and Congressional Democrats passed student loan reform, making college education more affordable for families and students and saving American taxpayers tens of billions of dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama implemented the Post-9/11 GI Bill, increasing educational opportunities for veterans by making college more affordable for returning service members; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama nominated and oversaw the confirmation of two United States Supreme Court Justices, including the first Latina Justice, and brought the total number of women sitting on the Supreme Court to an historic and unprecedented three; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama set new emissions and fuel efficiency standards for American cars and light trucks and made historic investments in clean energy technologies that are helping to pave the way to a more sustainable future; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama increased America's national security by ending combat operations in Iraq, concluding the New START Treaty that renews America's leadership in pursuit of a world without nuclear weapons, and pursuing a new strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama advanced civil rights by repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and enacting the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to make it easier for women to challenge unfair pay practices; and

**WHEREAS**, those accomplishments amount to the most productive and progressive period of American governance since President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; and

**WHEREAS**, Republicans are trying to take back that progress, working to repeal health insurance reform and other critical reforms rather than partnering with Democrats to find bipartisan solutions to create jobs, grow the economy, and make America more competitive;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee congratulates President Obama and Democrats of the 111th Congress for passing meaningful, fair, and comprehensive legislation and successfully pursuing an agenda that strengthens America both at home and abroad; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee stands committed to protecting and communicating the progress that President Obama and Democrats in Congress have made and opposing Republican efforts to repeal that progress.