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H.R. No. 1065

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Longtime organizer Danny Fetonte of Austin passed
2 away on October 23, 2022, bringing a great loss to his family and
3 friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in New York City in 1950, Danny Fetonte became
5 involved with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, a
6 seminal civil rights organization, while in high school; he was
7 employed at Bethlehem Steel for four years and then held a variety
8 of other industrial jobs before going on to become a professional
9 organizer for the Communications Workers of America; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Fetonte moved to East Texas in 1983 to organize
11 state workers for the Texas State Employees Union/CWA; over the
12 years, he was involved in many tough campaigns, including the
13 organization of workers at Stephen F. Austin State University,
14 where the food service staff was privatized to block the effort; he
15 coordinated the 1987 Jobs with Justice march, which brought more
16 than 1,000 trade unionists to Nacogdoches in support of the SFA
17 workers; his private-sector drive resulted in SFA food service
18 workers receiving a union contract that still benefits them today;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, A member of TSEU/CWA 6186, Mr. Fetonte served as CWA
21 District 6 Director of Organizing, and his endeavors in behalf of
22 Southwestern Bell Wireless employees were instrumental in the
23 successful campaign to bring 40,000 AT&T wireless workers into CWA;
24 his skilled and dynamic leadership helped set the direction of TSEU

1 and the United Campus Workers; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Fetonte shared his deep commitment to progress
3 with his wife, Barbara, whom he met and married in Buffalo, New
4 York; he was the proud father of two sons, Mickey and Tony; and

5 WHEREAS, While Danny Fetonte is deeply missed by those who
6 held him dear, his contributions will continue to resonate in the
7 years to come; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Danny Fetonte and
10 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Danny
15 Fetonte.