

Resolution in Support of the United States and the World Act
To be introduced by Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez in September 2008

Whereas Union Membership in the United States has been in decline since the 1950's; and

Whereas major textbooks used in high school world history courses do not mention the International Labor Organization (ILO), its Conventions or the role of Samuel Gophers in its creation; and

Whereas our youth face daunting global challenges, a global market place for jobs; rapidly accelerating environmental degradation; complex international trade and immigration issues; cultural awareness and global security; and

Whereas the ILO and its conventions protect workers at home and abroad and knowledge about the ILO is essential for our youth to successfully face these global challenges; and

Whereas ignorance about organized labor perpetuated by national textbook companies is a contributor to the decline in union membership; and

Whereas H.R. 7063 the United States and the World Education Act authorize \$ 200 million annually in new federal funds for professional development of future and in-service teachers in the field of international education defined in Section 7 (6) as: "subject matter related to world history, regions, cultures, and geography, as well as foreign languages, contemporary world issues, international relations, international economics, international and non-governmental organizations, and the technology and communications mediums related to such subjects", and

Whereas labor educators will be able to use grants provided by the Act to strengthen labor studies for future and in-service teachers.

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that: The California Federation of Teachers endorses H.R. 7063 and urges the California Labor Federation to work with the California Congressional Delegation to take the lead in passing this legislation with the authorized funding in this session of congress; and

Let It be Further Resolved that the California Federation of Teachers send copies of this resolution to Congressman George Miller, Chair of the House Education and Labor Committee, Senator Ted Kennedy, Chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, to Senators Feinstein and Boxer, to the members of the California Congressional Delegation, to the American Federation of Teachers and the California Labor Federation