

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – BECKY TURNER

WHEREAS, Becky Turner has been an active and committed member of Local 277 in Fort Worth, Texas, for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, she has served the members of Local 277 and the International in many ways throughout her long and successful career that began after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas; and

WHEREAS, she started her career as a member of Local 277 in 1978 at General Dynamics as a grammatical editor for technical publications; and

WHEREAS, while employed at General Dynamics and later at Lockheed Martin, she was elected committee person for Local 277 in the Logistics Department and served as such until she was appointed chief steward in 1991; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 it was her privilege to be elected to the grievance committee for Local 277 and serve in that capacity until she took a leave of absence in 1995 to work full-time for Local 277 as the first female business representative; and

WHEREAS, she served as a trustee for Local 277 from 1985 until being elected vice president in 1994, and held that office until succeeding to the presidency of Local 277 in 2001; and

WHEREAS, she has served as Local 277 president and business manager and as a vice president on the International Executive Board ever since; and

WHEREAS, her retirement from the International Executive Board has caused contemplation throughout OPEIU of her many contributions, her historic successes and her storied career standing shoulder-to-shoulder with her union sisters and brothers at every turn; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to her members and steadfast stewardship of Local 277 has left the union and its members invigorated, financially sustainable, and fully engaged in the union's apprentice organizer program to organize a new generation of professional employees; and

WHEREAS, her foresight and unwavering dedication to materially improving the lives of Local 277 members specifically and all working people generally has left OPEIU officers, its staff and more than 103,000 members across the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico instilled with confidence that the next generation of Local 277 leadership will be fully prepared and supported to continue her outstanding work.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the members, officers and staff of OPEIU wish Becky Turner a fulfilling, healthy and long-lasting retirement, and express their deep appreciation for her decades of service to OPEIU; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the delegates to this 28th OPEIU Convention hereby confer on Becky Turner the title of Vice President Emerita.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED JUNE 2019