

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2020/276

In the matter of recognizing Congressman Mark DeSaulnier as the 2020 Lifetime Labor Leader Champion

WHEREAS, Congressman DeSaulnier is a former small business owner and a former union member, giving him a unique perspective on the workforce; and

WHEREAS, before he was in elected office, he worked for the Boston Juvenile Court, as a warehouse worker, and as a hotel services employee, and is a former member of Teamsters Local 170 and Hotel and Restaurant Workers Local 2; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Congressman DeSaulnier has been an advocate for worker safety; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors he helped spearhead the Contra Costa Industrial Safety Ordinance, which has now been in place for 21 years, prioritizing worker and community safety in refineries in the county; and

WHEREAS, during his time of serving in the State Legislature, Congressman DeSaulnier was on the Labor and Employment Committee in the State Assembly and was the Chair of the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations in the State Senate; and

WHEREAS, he joined the House Committee on Education and Labor when he came to Congress in 2015 and continues to use that platform to promote policies that advance all workers; and

WHEREAS, in Congress, Congressman DeSaulnier created the “Future of Work, Wages, and Labor” initiative to tackle the challenges and navigate the changes facing America’s economy with urgency, like inequality, wage stagnation, declining labor union participation, and the impacts of automation; and

WHEREAS, together with this working group, he traveled 4,700 miles across the country and met with over 350 workers and policy experts, to develop over 30 policy recommendations designed to support our workforce while preparing for the future; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to shift power away from large corporations and back to workers, Congressman DeSaulnier has introduced dozens of efforts to protect working Americans, including: taxing out of control CEO pay; exploring the impact of automation on jobs; protecting workers in the fossil fuel industry from job loss; supporting workers with trauma and related counseling; studying the impacts of teleworking; providing whistleblower protections to people who do dangerous work offshore; and combatting older worker discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors recognizes Congressman Mark DeSaulnier as the Contra Costa Central Labor Council's 2020 Lifetime Labor Leader Champion for his decades of leadership, dedication and commitment in standing up for our workers and their rights.

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Chair, District II Supervisor

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District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: October 20, 2020

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy