**Resolution Supporting the Guardians of the Constitution and
Rule of Law**

WHEREAS, the 32nd District Democrats of the State of Washington commend the 150 former state and federal judges who join together to condemn the Trump Administration’s attacks on the judiciary, including its recent arrest of Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Hannah Dugan in her courthouse, and;

WHEREAS, the circumstances of Judge Dugan’s arrest make it clear that it was nothing but an effort to threaten and intimidate the state and federal judiciaries into submitting to the Administration, instead of interpreting the Constitution and laws of the United States. This cynical effort undermines the rule of law and destroys the trust the American people have in the nation’s judges to administer justice in the courtrooms and in the halls of justice across the land, and;

WHEREAS, this attempt to intimidate the judiciary will fail. The American people understand that the Constitution of the United States has made the nation’s judicial officers the guardians of the rule of law in our country, not the President. The nation’s judiciary does not operate at the President’s instruction or at his discretion. That is why the American people trust judges as guardians of the Constitution and the Rule of Law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

THE 32ND District DEMOCRATS unequivocally reject the Trump Administration's assault on the judiciary, the Constitution and the Rule of Law and those who administer it, including Judge Dugan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

THE 32ND District DEMOCRATS publicly and widely commend the 150 retired judges, of which 36 are retired judges of the State of Washington, for their courageous, principled adherence to their oath of office as Guardians of the Constitution of the United States of America and the Rule of Law.

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