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Senate Confirms Hilda Solis for Labor Secretary **IFPTE President Applauds Senate Vote**

WASHINGTON, DC – By an overwhelming vote of support, the United States Senate has confirmed Hilda Solis to be Secretary of Labor. The approval occurred yesterday just a few hours prior to President Obama's address to the nation.

International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) President Gregory Junemann issued the following statement in response to the Senate vote:

“While it took several weeks, IFPTE is nonetheless pleased with the Senate's strong, bipartisan vote of support for Hilda Solis to head our nation's labor policy. IFPTE applauds President Obama for choosing a candidate of Secretary Solis' caliber for this critically important position, and thanks the Senate for approving his nomination.

“Needless to say, the combination of her family background, coupled with her accomplished career in public service, is exactly the kind of experience that our nation's workers expect at the Department of Labor. This is even more important when you consider the dire circumstances currently facing American workers. IFPTE is optimistic that Secretary Solis will be an outspoken leader on behalf of the Obama Administration on important issues like job creation, skills development for highly technical and green jobs, protecting workers rights on the job, including the right to collectively bargain, and will put workers interests first, versus the corporate culture that has dominated our government for the last eight years.”

Secretary Solis was approved by a vote of 80-17. A full tally of the vote can be found at

[http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?c
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