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## IFPTE Mourns the Passing of Donald Payne, Jr.

WASHINGTON, DC – IFPTE leaders across New Jersey expressed the Union's condolences on the passing this week of New Jersey Congressman, Donald Payne, Jr.

Atlantic Area Vice President/Local 196 President Sean McBride:

"Local 196 has been proud to call Congressman Payne a proud Union Brother and member of Local 196, as both he and his wife Beatrice have carried a Local 196 union card for decades. Our Local and larger IFPTE union family were deeply saddened to hear of his passing. He was a champion for working families and for Labor and will be sorely missed. We send our condolences to Beatrice, their three children, and the entire Payne family."

Local 194 President/Hudson County CLC President Barry Kushnir:

"Congressman Payne has always been a steadfast supporter of Local 194 members and all Union members here in New Jersey throughout his long career in public service. His congressional district includes Hudson County and whenever our labor council went to him with our issues, he carried our torch without hesitation. Local 194 and the Hudson County CLC express our deepest sympathies to his family."

Local 195 Trustee/Atlantic Area Vice President Steve Pinto:

"The IFPTE family here in New Jersey was proud to see one of our own IFPTE Union Brothers, Congressman Payne, enter Congress in 2012. Of course, it was bittersweet at the time, as he replaced his father and another great supporter of working families, Donald Payne, Sr, upon his passing. When he did, he picked up right where his father left off when it came to championing the issues of importance to New Jersey's working families, particularly with respect to public sector workers. For that we at Local 195 are thankful. We will miss him and send our condolences to his family."

Congressman Payne served the citizens of New Jersey's 10th Congressional District since 2012.

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