



**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, AFL-CIO & CLC
60TH Constitutional Convention
Washington DC (Conducted Virtually)
August 9 – 10, 2021**

RESOLUTION NO 8

IN RECOGNITION OF LAURENCE GRIFFIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE FEDERATION

- 1 **WHEREAS,**
- 2 **Brother Laurence “Larry” Griffin has a decades long record of service to the IFPTE International,**
- 3 **IFPTE Local 21, the larger labor movement, his community, and the Democratic Party, and**
- 4 **WHEREAS,**
- 5 **Brother Griffin was elected as IFPTE Western Area Vice President at the 59th Constitutional**
- 6 **Convention in 2018 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and**
- 7 **WHEREAS,**
- 8 **Brother Griffin was a thirteen-year member of Local 21, serving in several leadership roles, and**
- 9 **WHEREAS,**
- 10 **Among his many leadership roles for Local 21 over many years, Brother Griffin served as**
- 11 **President of the At-Large Chapter, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Political**
- 12 **and Legislative Action, and Chair of the Strategy and Growth Committee, and**
- 13 **WHEREAS,**

SUBMITTED BY: IFPTE Executive Council

COST:

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: POLICY

REPORTING COMMITTEE: POLICY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONCUR

CONVENTION ACTION:



14 Brother Griffin also worked for Local 21 in the early 1990's where he not only represented the
15 members, but was also instrumental in organizing Local 21's Oakland Chapters, and

16 **WHEREAS,**

17 Brother Griffin served in many other roles in the larger labor movement before coming to Local
18 21, and

19 **WHEREAS,**

20 Brother Griffin worked as a representative for SEIU Local 250; was President and a member of
21 the Board of Directors of the Booker T. Washington Community Service Organization; was a
22 member of the San Francisco Fire Commission; was a member of the SEIU executive board; was
23 a member of the San Francisco Jewish Relations Committee; was District Coordinator at Project
24 SAFE, and; was a Board Member of the North of the Panhandle Neighborhood Association, and

25 **WHEREAS,**

26 Brother Griffin has been very active in the California and Bay Area Democratic Party, where he
27 brought labor issues to the forefront, and

28 **WHEREAS,**

29 Brother Griffin was the first African American President of the California Young Democrats, and

30 **WHEREAS,**

31 Brother Griffin worked on the campaigns of George Moscone and Harvey Milk, helping to bring
32 them to City Hall which led to labor friendly policies for San Francisco city workers, including
33 those represented by IFPTE, and

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CONVENTION ACTION:



34 **WHEREAS,**

35 **Brother Griffin served the citizens of San Francisco for 25 years as a District Attorney**

36 **Investigator, Child Support Services Investigator and Contract Compliance Officer in the Office**

37 **of Labor Standards and Enforcement, and**

38 **WHEREAS;**

39 **Brother Griffin comes from a family that paved the path for equality for all people in the Bay**

40 **Area, and one with a rich labor history, and**

41 **WHEREAS,**

42 **Brother Griffin is proud to have followed in the footsteps of his father, Herman Griffin, who was**

43 **the first African American labor representative for the retail clerks union in San Francisco, and;**

44 **WHEREAS,**

45 **Brother Griffin's parents were among the first interracial couples to marry in San Francisco**

46 **shortly after the repeal of the City's anti-miscegenation law in 1949;**

47 **THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED;**

48 **That the Federation, its officers, and members throughout North America, thank Brother Larry**

49 **Griffin for his dedication and service to the IFPTE, and:**

50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;**

51 **That the federation recognizes and honors Brother Griffin's decades long service, and**

52 **outstanding contributions to the American, California and Bay Area Labor Movements, and**

53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONCUR

CONVENTION ACTION:



54 That the federation recognizes and honors the impact of the legacy of Brother Griffin's family
55 background in labor and civil rights and how is shaped Brother Griffin in his work in the labor
56 movement, and

57 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

58 As a small token of our appreciation for his contribution to the Federation, IFPTE will format this
59 resolution on a plaque and present it to Brother Griffin.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONCUR

CONVENTION ACTION:

