Resolution in Support of the Bessemer, Alabama Organizing of Amazon Workers (Submitted by the Anti-Racism Committee of the PSC's Retirees Chapter)

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Whereas, Alabama is the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement, and

Whereas, for all intents and purposes, the Movement began its decline with the death of Martin Luther King on the eve of SCLCs support for the strike of sanitation workers in Memphis, Tenn; and

Whereas, these many years later, approximately 6000 Amazon workers, largely women and people of color, in Bessemer, Alabama are waging an historic struggle for an election to unionize with RWDSU (Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union); and

Whereas, the workers would have the right to bargain for competitive wages and safe working conditions; and

Whereas, Amazon has mounted a strong anti-union campaign at the Bessemer center to discourage unionization; and

Whereas a successful unionization drive would reverberate across Right To Work States, particularly in the South; and

Whereas, the World Federation of Trade Unions and The MLB Players Association, the President and Vice President of the US have issued statements of support; therefore be it

Resolved, that the PSC express its solidarity with the workers in Bessemer and urge its national affiliate, AFT to do the same and offer whatever material support it can; and be it further

Resolved, that PSC and AFT endorse and support the March 20 International Day of Action in with Alabama Amazon Workers and Against Union Busting.