



Railroad Workers United

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RWU Resolution in Support of Longshore Workers

Whereas, union workers organized by the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) have staffed the grain terminals of the Pacific coast now for 75 years; and

Whereas, the wages, benefits, working conditions, and jobs of our Longshore brothers and sisters are under attack at the Port of Longview, WA; and

Whereas, these workers are not just fighting for their own jobs, but are waging a gallant struggle to keep all west coast ports unionized; and

Whereas, the continued unionization of all transportation workers depends on the strength and health of the various components of transport labor – air, rail, trucking and waterway; and

Whereas, by the nature of our jobs, railroad workers in particular are inextricably linked to longshore workers and as such, are in a key position to lend aid and assistance; and

Whereas, we live in a time of corporate sponsored attacks on the rights and gains of working people, union and non-union alike; and

Whereas, RWU abides by the age-old labor adage that “An injury to one is an injury to all!”

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Railroad Workers United supports the efforts of the Longview longshore workers and their union – ILWU Local #21– to beat back recent anti-union attacks; and

Be it Further Resolved, that RWU encourage its members and supporters, together with the rank & file and leadership of all rail labor to actively support – through word and deed – these besieged union brothers and sisters; and

Be it Finally Resolved, that RWU urge all railroad union workers – especially train and engine crews – to honor and respect any and all longshore workers’ picket lines; i.e. DO NOT CROSS THE LINE!

Adopted by the RWU Steering Committee September 19th, 2011