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HOFFA HAILS COMMITTEE VOTE TO CONFIRM SOLIS AS LABOR SECRETARY

Official Statement of Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa

(Washington, DC) – Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa issued the following statement on today's Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee vote to approve Rep. Hilda Solis, D-Calif., as President Obama's nominee for Labor Secretary:

"Though we've been troubled by the delay, we're pleased the Senate HELP Committee approved Secretary-designate Solis' nomination.

"Rep. Hilda Solis has long been a good friend to working families. The Labor Department should be headed by someone who supports people who work for a living. Why would anyone have a problem with that?

"It's high time we begin to bring more balance in the relationship between corporations and their workers, who are struggling in this grim economy. I'm certain that Hilda Solis will do her best to restore that balance.

"We look forward to working closely with Secretary-designate Solis. We urge the full Senate to confirm her quickly."

Founded in 1903, the Teamsters Union represents more than 1.4 million hardworking men and women in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

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