

Resolution Title: Resolution to Oppose Political Repression in the Wake of the Oaxaca Teachers Strike
Submitted by: Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Whereas, the strike of the teachers union local in the State of Oaxaca in Mexico, was based on demands for pay parity, support for impoverished students, equipment for their classrooms, repairs for their schools and the defense against government plans to privatize education; and

Whereas, the extended strike resulted in teachers developing local alliances with parents, labor, university students, social movements, community and indigenous groups and organizing themselves into a Popular Assembly of the Peoples of Oaxaca, thereby broadening their social demands beyond the under-funding of education; and

Whereas, the teachers and members of the Popular Assembly of the Peoples of Oaxaca were met by violent repression, first from the police and security forces of the State of Oaxaca under Governor Ruiz and later from the federal police intervention by the government of Mexico under Presidents Fox and Calderon; and

Whereas, over the first seven months of the struggle in Oaxaca, teachers have been arrested, in front of their classes, for their political activity; more than 200 people have been killed and disappeared; hundreds have been wounded by the military, police and paramilitary forces; and many hundreds of union and community activists have been arrested and jailed; therefore be it

Resolved, that NYSUT join with human rights groups in Mexico and around the world in demanding an end to the repression of the people of Oaxaca; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT lodge protests with President Calderon of Mexico and Interior Minister Ramirez Acuna demanding the immediate release of the teachers and other political prisoners of Oaxaca; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT support the just demands of the teachers of Oaxaca, and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT demand that criminal charges be instituted against Governor Ruiz of the State of Oaxaca, who is responsible for the initiation of repression against the rightful collective bargaining demands and subsequent strike mobilization of the teachers of Oaxaca; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT keep its members aware of the continuing developments in Oaxaca through additional coverage in *The New York Teacher*; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT request that the leadership of the AFL/CIO join these efforts to oppose the repression of teachers and other workers in Oaxaca.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was approved for submission to the 2007 NYSUT Representative Assembly by the:

Delegate Assembly

at a meeting held on

December 21, 2006

Signed:



(President)

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