

1 **Extend the Earned Income Tax Credit**
2 **to Seniors without Children**

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4 **WHEREAS** the Earned Income Tax Credit (E.I.T.C.) credit was put into the Internal
5 Revenue Code in order to help the working poor;

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7 **WHEREAS** many members of the working poor have benefitted from the E.I.T.C.;

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9 **WHEREAS** the E.I.T.C. is currently limited to persons between 25 and 65 who have
10 children;

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12 **WHEREAS** significant numbers of seniors continue to work after age 65;

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14 **WHEREAS** age 65 is no longer the “full retirement age,” because the Social Security
15 Administration now regards a later age as that of “full retirement”;

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17 **WHEREAS** many members of the “working poor” are above the age of 65, with or
18 without children;

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20 **WHEREAS** some seniors who continue to work after age 65 have low-income jobs and
21 are very much in the ranks of the working poor;

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23 **WHEREAS** low-income seniors have the same needs as other low-income persons, and
24 often additional needs as well; and

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26 **WHEREAS** it is unfair and discriminatory for seniors who are part of the working poor
27 to be excluded from the E.I.T.C. solely because of their age;

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29 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we call on Congress to amend the Internal
30 Revenue Code so as to allow low-income working seniors to take the Earned Income
31 Tax Credit; and

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33 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be sent to our entire
34 Congressional delegation for appropriate action.

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37 Submitted by the King County Democrats to the WSDCC. (Date Submitted 9/5/2014)

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39 Recommended Pass by the Resolutions Committee at their September 13, 2014 Meeting
40 in Ferndale.

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42 Passed by the WSDCC at their September 13, 2014 Meeting in Ferndale.