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Statement from the Wisconsin AFL-CIO on the Passing of President Emeritus Phil Neuenfeldt

MILWAUKEE—The Wisconsin State AFL-CIO announced today that former President Phil Neuenfeldt, a stalwart of Wisconsin's labor movement, died yesterday in his home. He retired as president in September at the organization's biennial convention.

"Phil Neuenfeldt embodied the vision and values of organized labor, and he will be tremendously missed," said Stephanie Bloomingdale, President of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO. "It was a tremendous honor for me to serve with and to call him a friend."

"Phil was one of the great leaders of the labor movement, and I know he would want us to carry on the fight to which he dedicated his life," said Bloomingdale. "We will wipe away the tears and soldier on, and tomorrow elect leaders who we can partner with to deliver economic justice for Wisconsin's working families."

"Phil would no doubt agree with Mother Jones, who advised, 'Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living,'" said Bloomingdale.

Details about memorial services and a celebration of Neuenfeldt's life will be announced at a later date.

Phil Neuenfeldt was a member of International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) Local 1916. He began his career on the shop floor in the manufacturing sector at GE and held various positions of leadership in his local union, including chair of the bargaining committee. He started at the Wisconsin AFL-CIO in 1986 and served as Legislative Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and President. He is a Navy veteran and proud Father and Grandfather.

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