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On the passing of labor leader Phil Neuenfeldt

Statement of Alderman Tony Zielinski November 5, 2018

It is with deep sadness that I have learned of the passing yesterday of outstanding Wisconsin union leader Phil Neuenfeldt. Phil was an outspoken voice for all workers of Wisconsin and has left a lasting mark on unions and unionized workers throughout the state.

From the beginning of his career as a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, to his retirement as President of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO last September, Phil fought tirelessly to secure fair wages, working conditions, and representation for Wisconsin workers. His ability to communicate effectively with all people allowed him to meaningfully engage with employees, business executives, and government representatives. No matter the setbacks that Phil experienced while fighting for workers' rights, he continued to move on with ceaseless optimism and charisma.

Phil's efforts for all union workers in Wisconsin have advanced the rights of laborers in every field. His enthusiasm and dedication will live on in the impactful legacy he has left on the Wisconsin labor movement.

My prayers are with his loved ones at this time

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