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**Statement by IUPAT General President James A. Williams
on the Appointment of Representative Hilda Solis as U.S.
Secretary of Labor**

WASHINGTON, DC -- We are fortunate to have a true champion of working families at the helm of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Although Congresswoman Solis has only served in Congress since 2001, she has an impressive record when it comes to being an activist for the rights of working men and women on the job. In these trying times, hers is the type of leadership we need in the Department of Labor. She clearly has the drive and passion to make a difference in the way America works every day.

The men and women of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades stand ready to help Congresswoman Solis build a better working America.