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HUNDREDS GATHER TO HONOR HEALTH CARE LABOR LEADER VIRGINIA “GINNY” TREACY FOR 37 YEARS AT JNESO

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North Brunswick: On Thursday, April 10, 2014, JNESO District Council 1 of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) gathered in Atlantic City to honor labor leader and trailblazer Virginia (Ginny) Treacy for her 37 years as the heart, mind, and soul of JNESO.

Three hundred members of JNESO were joined by labor and political dignitaries including IUOE International President Jim Callahan, New Jersey AFL-CIO President Charles Wowkanech and Secretary-Treasurer Laurel Brennan, former Governor Jim McGreevey, and Assemblymen Tom Giblin, Troy Singleton, and Dan Benson.

“Ginny Treacy has been a tireless advocate for the members of JNESO for the better part of four decades,” said Joan Campagna, President of the Board of Directors for JNESO. “Her work has forever shaped the health care labor movement and she continues to be an inspiration to us all.”

Known for her willingness to take on a challenge and reputation as a tough negotiator, Treacy first became a union organizer in 1978 and quickly rose to leadership at a time when very few women were at the bargaining table.

“With Ginny at the helm, JNESO has grown in strength, size, and spirit,” said Douglas Placa, Executive Director of JNESO. “This week gave our members the opportunity to celebrate and honor the woman who has made JNESO what it is today, and has bettered the lives of thousands of people along the way.”

JNESO’s biannual convention consisted of a weeklong series of seminars, including a panel on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and its affect on the healthcare profession and

staffing ratios, moderated by JNESO Executive Director Douglas Placa. It commenced with an evening celebration honoring “Ginny’s” lifelong work.

“Ginny Treacy has made a lifelong impact on the health care profession and on the labor movement,” said Charlie Wowkanech, President of the NJ AFL-CIO. “She has fought with a sense of commitment and tenacity unlike any other, and the members of JNESO and the labor movement in general are better because of her work.”

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