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# LOCAL 881 UFCW ENDORSES DUCKWORTH FOR CONGRESS



Des Plaines—Local 881 of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) formally announced its endorsement today of Tammy Duckworth, who is running for Congress in the 8th District.

In announcing the support of the 34,000-member Union, Ronald E. Powell, President of Local 881 and UFCW International Vice President, stated:

“Tammy Duckworth offers the kind of compassionate leadership that is needed in Washington and there is no doubt that she will diligently represent the working families of the 8th Congressional District and throughout Illinois. Her strong record of public service and selfless determination is inspiring. Upon election as U.S. Representative for the 8th District, she will immediately roll up her sleeves to help put Americans back to work. She supports investing in rebuilding and improving our nation’s infrastructure, investing in education and communities, reducing the deficit, and enacting policies that create new jobs and protect working families. I am confident she will be ready and able to work closely with her Congressional colleagues and President Obama to make the sound decisions necessary to put our country back on track.

“There is no question that Tammy Duckworth has endured and emerged from an extreme personal tragedy that occurred when the helicopter she was piloting was shot down. Not only has she physically overcome her combat injuries and loss of her legs, Tammy has stood out as a vocal and ardent leader on veteran’s issues and worker rights. It is with great pride that Local 881 UFCW endorses Tammy Duckworth for Congress.”

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Local 881 UFCW represents 34,000 members employed in retail food and drug stores throughout Illinois and Northwest Indiana, as well as a professional division comprised of health and nursing home workers, barbers and cosmetologists, and workers in other retail and service industries. Among the companies under contract with Local 881 are Jewel Food Stores, Osco Drug, Dominick’s Finer Foods, Mariano’s Fresh Market, CVS Pharmacy, Kroger, Schnucks, and many smaller chains and independent stores, as well as nursing homes and other business establishments. Local 881 is among the largest affiliates of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, which represents 1.3 million members in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.