Sandra Feldman (1939-2005) was a civil, human and women’s rights activist, a labor leader and an American educator. Her career in education and labor spanned more than four decades. Feldman began her career as a second-grade teacher in New York’s Lower East Side in the early 1960s. She quickly became a dynamic force in her local union, and her impressive career culminated in her becoming the president of the American Federation of Teachers, from 1997 to 2004. Feldman was a leading voice in the national and international labor movement, and a tireless advocate on behalf of women, civil rights, trade unionism and public education. In 2015, she was posthumously inducted into Labor’s International Hall of Fame.

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