RESOLUTION OF
THE WEST VIRGINIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS, the Judicial Branch of our United States Government has the important responsibility of interpreting laws which are proposed and approved by the Legislative Branch of our government and enforced by the Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, the members of the federal judiciary have the extraordinary responsibility for making decisions in legal matters which have an immense effect on our nation, its citizens, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who serve as federal judicial officers for the State of West Virginia provide their knowledge and expertise in a fair and equitable manner to all parties who appear before them; and

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, whose members employ over half of West Virginia's workforce, believes strongly that a good federal judiciary requires highly qualified and well compensated federal judges; and

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce believes that members of the federal judiciary are currently substantially underpaid and, as a consequence, deserve an increase in their salary levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, through its Executive Committee, does hereby express its unqualified support for a prompt and significant increase in salary for members of the federal judiciary, and urges that legislation be enacted during the current session of the United States Congress.

Done this the 24th day of May, 2007.

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