

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

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

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

**WHEREAS, The West Virginia State Bar, consisting of all 4,600, active practicing lawyers in the State, promotes improving the administration of justice and increasing the level of available legal services; and**

**WHEREAS, The West Virginia State Bar is aware that members of the federal judiciary deserve an increase in their salary levels and that such increases should be considered solely and completely without comparison or contrast with salary levels for members of the Legislative Branch or the Executive Branch of the federal government; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the West Virginia State Bar through its Board of Governors, a diverse group of 25 lawyers from all parts of the state and all types of law practice, does hereby express its support for a reasonable and significant increase in salary for members of the federal judiciary to be enacted during the current session of the United States Congress.**

**Done this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.**

  
**Robert D. Fisher, President  
West Virginia State Bar**