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RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

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

WHEREAS, the members of the federal judiciary have the extraordinary responsibility of 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 South Carolina provide their knowledge and expertise in a fair and equitable manner to all parties who appear before them; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association, consisting of numerous attorneys who regularly practice in the federal court system, promotes improving the administration of justice and increasing the level of available legal services; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association is aware that members of the federal judiciary are not currently compensated in a manner commensurate with their responsibilities and as a consequence, deserve an increase in salaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association, through its Board of Governors, does hereby express its unqualified support for any legislation that promptly and significantly increases the salaries of members of the federal judiciary during the current session of the United States Congress.

Done this 26th day of June, 2007

Mark D. Ball, President
The South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association

Dedicated To Keeping South Carolina Families Safe

RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR
FEDERAL JUDICIAL RESTORATION ACT OF 2007

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

WHEREAS, the members of the federal judiciary have the extraordinary responsibility for deciding legal matters which have an enormous impact on our nation, its citizens, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, the honorable and highly esteemed men and women who serve as federal judicial officers for the State of South Carolina bestow their extensive legal knowledge and expertise in a fair and equitable manner to all parties who appear before them; and

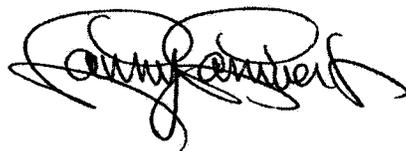
WHEREAS, former United States Chief Justice William Rehnquist stated that inadequate judicial pay undermines the strength and independence of the federal Judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Report of the National Commission on the Public Service urged Congress to enact an immediate and significant increase in federal judicial salaries and break the statutory link between Congressional and judicial salaries; and

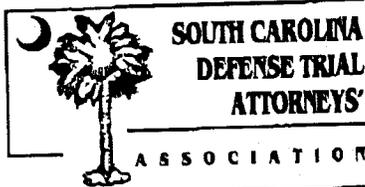
WHEREAS, the analysis of the former chair of the National Commission on the Public Service, Paul Volcker, recognized the inadequacy of federal judicial salaries and that increases in federal judicial salaries have not kept pace with increases in average American worker wages.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Bar is acutely aware that members of the federal judiciary are currently substantially underpaid, and as a result, does hereby express its unwavering and unqualified support for an immediate and significant increase in salary for members of the federal judiciary and, therefore, urges that Senate Bill No. 1638, the Federal Judicial Salary Restoration Act of 2007, be enacted during the current session of the United States Congress.

Adopted this the 27th day of June, 2007.



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

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

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association consists of numerous attorneys who regularly practice in the federal court system and whose mission includes the promotion of justice, professionalism and integrity in the civil justice system; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association believes that the federal judicial officers of this state provide fair and efficient access to the federal courts and promote the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association is aware the 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 South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, 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 Senate Bill No.1638 be enacted during the current session of the United States Congress.

Done this 19th day of June, 2007.

Elbert S. Dorn