

## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, fair and reasonable judicial compensation is critical to attracting the most able attorneys to the federal bench, retaining experienced judges, and promoting a fair and impartial judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the real salaries of federal justices and judges have declined by approximately 25 percent between 1969 and 2006, and

WHEREAS, the nation will be much better served by a salary structure for the federal judiciary that will continue to attract and retain judges who are highly qualified, and who have diverse backgrounds, experiences, and expertise, and

WHEREAS, judges should not perpetually have to argue their case before Congress and the President for fair and reasonable compensation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, at its meeting this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007, in Kansas City, Missouri, calls upon Congress and the President to enact legislation providing an immediate and substantial salary increase to the federal judiciary, to attract and retain diverse, highly qualified judges, and to promote a fair and impartial judiciary,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the U.S. House and U.S. Senate Judiciary Committees, including their Chairs and Ranking Members, and also to the Missouri and Kansas Congressional Delegations, and to the leadership of the U.S. House and U.S. Senate.

Attest:

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Charles W. German, President