

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

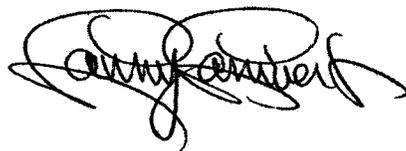
WHEREAS, former United States Chief Justice William Rehnquist stated that inadequate judicial pay undermines the strength and independence of the federal Judiciary; and

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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South Carolina Bar