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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Aimee L. Hiere 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.

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