

sional Committee, lawyer and advocate, law teacher and author and finally as a Circuit Judge on the second highest Court in the Federal Judiciary—exceptional capacity, character and fitness for this highest judicial office; and

Whereas, designate Stevens has served with great dedication and distinction for more than five years as a Circuit Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and by demonstrating, for all to see, his exceptional judicial talents: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that this Association, on behalf of the Bar of the Federal Courts in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, does hereby record its abiding conviction that Circuit Judge John Paul Stevens is eminently well qualified by demonstrated character, temperament and experience, to serve as a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; that his appointment to that high office should be confirmed promptly by the Senate; and that his service on that Court will be in its highest traditions; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the proper officers of the Association be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to submit suitable copies of this resolution to the Chairman and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee for their consideration, and for inclusion in the record of the confirmation hearings of that Committee on the nomination of Circuit Judge Stevens to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

I hereby certify that the Board of Governors of the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit unanimously adopted the foregoing resolution in a meeting assembled in Chicago, Illinois, on the 6th day of December, 1975.

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FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION,  
Washington, D.C., December 11, 1975.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,  
*Chairman, Judiciary Committee, U.S. Senate,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR EASTLAND: It is my pleasure to inform you of the position of this Association's National Judicial Selection Committee to support President Ford's nomination of Honorable John Paul Stevens to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Judicial Selection Committee has evaluated the qualifications of the nominee and has found, without dissent, that Judge Stevens is exceptionally well qualified for appointment.

We request that this communication be made a part of the official proceedings of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH S. FONTANA,  
*Chairman, National Judicial Selection Committee.*