

urging the appointment of Lewis F. Powell, Jr., to fill a vacancy then existing on the United States Supreme Court. A copy of that resolution was sent to President Nixon and Attorney General Mitchell.

Sincerely,

N. SAMUEL CLIFTON,  
*Executive Director.*

RESOLUTION RE NOMINATION OF LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., TO SUPREME COURT

Whereas, it is deemed obligatory that recognized segments of our society invite the attention of the Senate of the United States to any informed opinion held as to the qualifications of a nominee to the Supreme Court of the United States; and

Whereas, the true stature of a man being best understood by those privy to his conduct under many and varied circumstances, this obligation is most pressing on the organized Bar of the State of Virginia as to Lewis F. Powell, Jr.; and

Whereas, Lewis F. Powell, Jr. has long been recognized as fully seasoned in responsible advocacy and counseling and in community problem solution, through his consistent application for some four decades to issues of legal and social obligation and right of a thorough grounding in history, precedent and experience; of a clarity and objectivity of analysis; of a sensitive realism as to the constancy of change and the accompanying necessity that all institutions responsibly accommodate change to remain viable; and of a judgment founded in his confident belief in the dignity of the individual and the ascendancy of principle, which judgment he has exercised free from crippling apprehension and polarization in the presence of sincerely held and championed differences; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Council of the Virginia State Bar in regular meeting assembled, does embrace this opportunity to endorse and support the nomination of Lewis F. Powell, Jr., to the Supreme Court of the United States for the reasons referred to in the preamble to this resolution; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the President of the Virginia State Bar is directed to send to members of the United States Senate from Virginia copies of this resolution with the request that the attention of the full Senate be invited thereto.

Adopted by the Council of the Virginia State Bar, October 29, 1971.

A Copy Teste:

N. S. CLIFTON, *Executive Director.*

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VIRGINIA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION,  
*Richmond, Va., October 29, 1971.*

Sen. JAMES O. EASTLAND,

*Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR EASTLAND: The Virginia Trial Lawyers Association on September 25, 1971, passed a Resolution endorsing Lewis F. Powell for appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States. In view of the fact that President Nixon has now appointed Mr. Powell, subject to Senate confirmation, I thought it would be appropriate for your Committee to have knowledge of our action. We think it also proper that your Committee be advised that our Association presented to Mr. Powell its Distinguished Service Award in 1965 for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of the administration of justice in America.

Our Association consists of approximately 1300 trial lawyers throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The action which we took in endorsing Mr. Powell for the Supreme Court was unanimously approved by our Board of Governors, and I can assure you that he has the greatest admiration and respect of all segments of the trial bar of Virginia.

We are sure that your Committee, once you are fully apprised of Mr. Powell's legal qualifications, will have no reservations about recommending his confirmation to the Senate.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. POFF, *President.*

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,  
*Richmond, Va.*

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Lewis F. Powell, Jr., of Richmond, Virginia, is eminently qualified in all respects to serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; and