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**RESOLUTION OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION — SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
FEDERAL JUDICIAL SALARY RESTORATION ACT OF 2007**

The Federal Bar Association — San Diego Chapter (“FBA-San Diego”) resolves to express its enthusiastic and unreserved support for immediate approval and enactment of Senate Bill No. 1638, the Federal Judicial Salary Restoration Act of 2007, by the United States Congress during its current session to increase salaries for underpaid members of the federal judiciary for the following reasons:

The federal judiciary serves a significant and critical role in ensuring the rule of law under the Constitution of the United States of America;

Members of the federal judiciary bear the unique responsibility of interpreting laws of significant and broad impact that Congress enacts and the Executive shall enforce;

The honorable men and women who serve as federal judges in the Southern District of California and the rest of the nation render decisions on complex matters that reflect their impartial consideration of the law and facts, and should be compensated in a manner that is commensurate with the tremendous public service and extraordinary skill demanded of them;

The last comprehensive review of federal government salaries, including the federal judiciary, took place in 1989, resulting in a decline in the real salary of federal judges during the same time period as the salary of most other federal employees increased with the rate of inflation and private sector wages soared exponentially;

The National Commission on the Public Service, chaired by former Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Paul A. Volcker, issued a Report in 2003 analyzing the inadequacy of judicial pay and unsuccessfully urging Congress to sever the statutory link between Congressional and judicial pay, and to enact an immediate and significant increase in federal judicial salaries; and

Former United States Chief Justice William Rehnquist stated that inadequate judicial pay undermines the strength and independence of the federal judiciary, and United States Chief Justice Roberts reiterated in his 2006 annual report that erosion in judicial compensation negatively impacts recruiting and retention of high-caliber federal judges.

IT IS SO RESOLVED.

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