



# Resolution

A resolution honoring Justice John E. Wallace, Jr. for his dedication to the people of New Jersey and his years of distinguished service as a justice, judge, lawyer and citizen.

*WHEREAS*, Justice John E. Wallace, Jr. has earned the respect of members of the New Jersey State Bar Association by serving the people of the State of New Jersey as a member of the judiciary for over 25 years in a dignified and professional manner; and

*WHEREAS*, Justice John E. Wallace, Jr. began his tenure on the bench serving as the Municipal Judge for Washington Township in Gloucester County prior to being appointed to the New Jersey Superior Court in 1984; and

*WHEREAS*, Justice John E. Wallace, Jr., during his time in the judiciary, including 11 years as an Appellate Division judge and seven years as a Supreme Court justice, earned a reputation as an exemplary jurist; and

*WHEREAS*, Justice John E. Wallace, Jr., while serving on the New Jersey Supreme Court, authored numerous opinions in various areas of the law, including criminal, family and insurance law, which demonstrate keen intellect, scholarship, integrity and strong understanding of the rule of law and its interplay between the New Jersey Constitution, the New Jersey Statutes and prior judicial precedent; and

*WHEREAS*, Justice John E. Wallace, Jr., in his authored opinions, looked to establish fairness, uniformity and predictability in the even-handed application of the law; and

*WHEREAS*, Justice John E. Wallace, Jr. has contributed to the development of law in New Jersey not just as a judge and justice, but through service on various Court committees as well, including the New Jersey Supreme Court Task Force for Minority Concerns, the New Jersey Ethics Commission, the Judiciary Advisory Committee on Americans with Disabilities Act, the Supreme Court Special Committee on Matrimonial Litigation, the Appellate Division Rules Committee, and the Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on Admissions, of which he was chair; and

*WHEREAS*, Justice John E. Wallace, Jr., as the only African-American member of the Supreme Court during his tenure, helped to make the state's highest court reflective of New Jersey citizens; and

*WHEREAS*, Justice John E. Wallace, Jr. has served the legal profession with utmost dedication as an active member of numerous bar associations, including the New Jersey State Bar Association, the Gloucester and Camden County Bar Associations and the Garden State Bar Association; and

*WHEREAS*, Justice John E. Wallace, Jr. has exhibited a noble commitment to serving his community beyond his service as a member of the bar and the judiciary, as illustrated by his volunteer activities in coaching Little League baseball and high school football for many years, even as he sat on the New Jersey Supreme Court; and

*WHEREAS*, Justice John E. Wallace, Jr. has further exhibited a commitment to serving this country through his service in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970, attaining the rank of Captain; and

*WHEREAS*, Justice John E. Wallace, Jr. has received numerous honors for his work both in the legal profession and in his community from respected civic and legal organizations, including the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey, the Orient of New Jersey Dedicated Service Award from the Valley of Camden, the Washington Township Board of Education Appreciation Award, and the Van J. Clinton Award from the Garden State Bar Association; and

*WHEREAS*, Justice John E. Wallace, Jr. is deserving of the utmost respect and admiration for his lifetime of achievements, for his dedication to the bench, the bar and his community, and for his unwavering adherence to the highest principles of ethics and professionalism;

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the New Jersey State Bar Association that Justice John E. Wallace, Jr. is hereby honored, recognized, thanked and admired for his dedication to the people of the State of New Jersey, for his profound contributions to New Jersey through his fair and impartial service on the bench, for his heartfelt dedication to improving the lives of those in his community, and for his years of distinguished service on the bench and as an active member of the bar and his community, and upon approval by the NJSBA Board of Trustees, a duly authenticated copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to Justice John E. Wallace in recognition of his contributions to the State of New Jersey and, in particular, the New Jersey bar.

I, Paris P. Eliades, Secretary of the New Jersey State Bar Association, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and accurate copy of a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees on May 11, 2010.

In witness thereof, I have hereto set my hand as such Secretary and affix the corporate seal of the New Jersey State Bar Association on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Paris P. Eliades  
SECRETARY  
New Jersey State Bar Association