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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 5, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the American Bar Association Division for Public
2 Education's 29th National Law-Related Education Conference to
3 be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from October 28
4 through October 30, 2015.

5 WHEREAS, Law provides an essential context for understanding
6 society, institutions, norms and values; and

7 WHEREAS, In order to maintain legitimate authority, law and
8 legal institutions depend on popular participation and support;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Lawyers and judges have a special responsibility to
11 foster public understanding of and confidence in the law and
12 legal institutions; and

13 WHEREAS, Members of a democratic society seek to resolve
14 conflicts peacefully and through the legal process; and

15 WHEREAS, Understanding, appreciating and engaging an
16 increasingly diverse society promotes effective civic
17 participation; and

1 WHEREAS, An understanding of the role of law in various
2 cultures enhances effective participation in global society; and

3 WHEREAS, Public understanding of the law promotes access to
4 the legal system for all people to pursue justice through the
5 legal process; and

6 WHEREAS, The American Bar Association (ABA) Division for
7 Public Education serves ABA members and nonmember lawyers by
8 encouraging every lawyer to consider it part of his or her
9 fundamental professional responsibility to further the public's
10 understanding of the rule of law and the American system of
11 justice; and

12 WHEREAS, The ABA Division for Public Education produces
13 educational programs and resources about law for the public and
14 promotes efforts by ABA members and others to do the same; and

15 WHEREAS, The ABA Division for Public Education encourages
16 everyone to be meaningfully and actively engaged in the civic
17 life of the nation; and

18 WHEREAS, The ABA Division for Public Education advocates
19 policies and supports practices that enable all students to
20 experience high-quality civic learning, including the study of
21 law, government and history; and

22 WHEREAS, The ABA Division for Public Education broadens the
23 reach and enhances the content of the ABA Division for Public
24 Education activities by involving diverse people, organizations
25 and perspectives in their planning, implementation and
26 dissemination; and

27 WHEREAS, Every two years, the ABA Division for Public
28 Education hosts the National Law-Related Education Conference;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, The conference is a national assembly of teachers,

1 professors, lawyers, judges and civic education professionals
2 who teach about law and its role in society; and

3 WHEREAS, This year the ABA Division for Public Education
4 hosts the 29th National Law-Related Education Conference
5 exploring the theme "The Bill of Rights in the Digital Era"; and

6 WHEREAS, As the 225th anniversary of the Bill of Rights
7 approaches in 2016, this conference considers how, and if, the
8 digital era of the 21st century reshapes our understanding and
9 teaching of the fundamental guarantees included in the first 10
10 amendments to the Constitution of the United States; therefore
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
13 American Bar Association Division for Public Education's 29th
14 National Law-Related Education Conference in Philadelphia,
15 Pennsylvania, October 28 through October 30, 2015.