

A Resolution

Honoring

Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr.

for

his many years of service

as Chancellor of Southern University Law Center

and to the

Legal Profession of the State of Louisiana.

Whereas, For 65 years the Southern University Law Center has been cultivating and shaping legal minds whose work in the legal and political fields would forever change our state and national landscape;

Whereas, the Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. served with distinction as Southern University Law Center's Chancellor from November 2002 through June 2015 and has been uniformly recognized by all stakeholders in the legal profession and academy for his outstanding leadership;

Whereas, during the Hon. Freddie Pitcher's tenure, Southern University Law Center has achieved national rankings of #1 in "Most Diverse Faculty," #2 in "Most Chosen by Older Students," and #3 in "Best Environment for Minority Students" ;

Whereas, the Hon. Freddie Pitcher graduated from Southern University in 1966, and graduated second in his class from Southern University Law Center in 1973;

Whereas, the Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. has had a career of many "firsts";

Whereas, the Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. was the first African American elected to a judgeship in Baton Rouge with his election to the City Court in a city-wide election in April 1983;

Whereas, the Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. was the first African American elected to the 19th Judicial District Court in a parish-wide election in 1987;

Whereas, the Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. was elected without opposition to the First Circuit Court of Appeal;

Whereas, while on that Court, the Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. authored more than 200 judicial opinions;

Whereas, the Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. has also served as an Associate Justice ad hoc on the Louisiana Supreme Court;

Whereas, since his retirement from Southern University Law Center, the Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. has rejoined Phelps Dunbar's Baton Rouge office as a senior partner in the firm's litigation group;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, this 21st Day of August 2015, that the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association is pleased to recognize the Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. for his many years of service to Southern University Law Center and the legal profession in Louisiana.



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