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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the American Bar Association Division for Public
2 Education.

3 WHEREAS, Law provides an essential context for understanding
4 society, institutions, norms and values; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the American Bar
26 Association Division for Public Education for its efforts to
27 embrace the ever-changing challenges and opportunities in the
28 field of law and law-related education.