

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Barbara Lewis served on the faculty of the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville from 1982 to 2006, including as dean from 1982 to 1990, and

Whereas Dean Lewis was an outstanding teacher, faculty colleague, mentor and dean, and

Whereas, Dean Lewis was a trailblazer in legal education, as one of only a handful of women students in her law school class at the University of Louisville and as one of only five women law deans when she began as Dean in 1982,

Whereas, Dean Lewis was a trailblazer and served as example and mentor to successor deans, including two women deans making University of Louisville the only law school to have been served by three women deans,

Whereas, Dean Lewis built bridges within the community and profession by serving on a number of boards, including the Center for Women and Families, the Department of Public Advocacy, the Louisville and Kentucky Bar Foundations, the League of Women Voters, the ACLU and Citizens for Better Judges,

Whereas Dean Lewis worked tirelessly to promote diversity in the law school and the profession by service on many national boards, including the Council on Legal Education Opportunity, the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession and the Law School Admissions Council Task Force on Minority Recruitment and numerous local and state-wide initiatives relating to access and diversity in the legal profession,

Whereas Dean Lewis showed passion for the subjects she taught, especially tax law, inspired generations of students not only by what she taught but by her commitment to students attending class, being prepared and being on time (and not wearing baseball caps), and being professional,

Whereas Dean Lewis showed students that she cared deeply about them personally and their professional success,

Whereas Dean Lewis provided an example that inspired the Student Bar Association in 2006 to create of a special teaching award in her honor, one of many honors she received throughout her life,

Whereas Dean Lewis changed the culture of the faculty and raised funds to create professorships to recognize outstanding faculty members,

Whereas Dean Lewis initiated the Warns Labor and Employment Law Institute, (now the Warns-Render Labor and Employment Law Institute),

Whereas Dean Lewis demonstrated on many occasions her respect and appreciation for the staff members at the law school,

Whereas Dean Lewis did all of this quietly and without fanfare,

Whereas Dean Lewis's death on November 7, 2017, has deeply touched the Law School community,

Now therefore the Law School faculty expresses its respect and profound affection for Dean Lewis and requests that this resolution be conveyed to her family and included with the minutes of the faculty meeting of December 15, 2017.

Passed unanimously by the faculty of the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville this fifteenth day of December of the year 2017.