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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Leopold and Joseph B. Stahl, father and son, for successfully arguing cases
before the Supreme Court of the United States.

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of the United States provides:

"The judicial Power of the United States shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish"; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States as the highest court in the country for cases arising under the constitution and laws of the United States is unrivaled in importance in the context of the country's legal system; and

WHEREAS, practice before the Supreme Court of the United States demands the highest level of preparation and skill; and

WHEREAS, it is accordingly a privilege and major achievement in the career of an attorney to argue a case before the Supreme Court of the United States, and it is a relative few in the profession who count themselves among those who have done so; and

WHEREAS, the late Leopold Stahl is among that group, having argued the case of *Cudahy Packing Co. of Louisiana, Limited v. Holland* with his partner, Stephen Hartel, before the Court in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Leopold Stahl was born in 1907 in Trieste, in modern day Italy, and came to New Orleans when he was a year old, where he lived and where he practiced law for more than half a century; and

WHEREAS, Leopold Stahl's son, Joseph B. Stahl, followed in his father's career path and became a lawyer, and in 1970 Joseph B. Stahl joined the group of attorneys who have practiced before the highest court in the land by arguing the case of *Hellenic Lines, Ltd. v. Rhoditis*; and

1 WHEREAS, Joseph B. Stahl was born in 1936 in New Orleans and though he has
2 lived in many places, including New York, Florida, France, Greece, and England, he calls
3 New Orleans home; and

4 WHEREAS, not only did both Leopold and Joseph B. Stahl argue cases before the
5 Supreme Court of the United States, which would by itself merit a special measure of
6 recognition, both were also successful in arguing their cases.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 commend Leopold and Joseph B. Stahl, father and son, for successfully arguing cases before
9 the Supreme Court of the United States; does hereby recognize and record for posterity their
10 extraordinary achievements; and does hereby extend to Joseph B. Stahl best wishes in his
11 future endeavors.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
13 to Joseph B. Stahl.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE