RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY CONFERENCE

Adopted Unanimously By Its Executive Committee, June 15, 2017

WHEREAS, William D. Warren was an active and valued Conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference for many years and was an emeritus member of the Conference until he passed away on May 30, 2017;

WHEREAS, Bill was born in Mount Vernon, Illinois, served in the Army Air Force in World War II, and attended college and law school at the University of Illinois (later earning a J.S.D. from Yale Law School);

WHEREAS, Bill was an accomplished academic, including teaching law at the Ohio State University, Vanderbilt University, and Illinois before joining the UCLA School of Law in the 1950s, and then teaching law at Stanford University as the Scott Professor of Law before returning to UCLA;

WHEREAS, during his time at UCLA, Bill contributed substantially to the university, including serving as its fourth dean from 1975 to 1982, being chosen as Professor of the Year by the UCLA Law classes of 1965, 1969, 1971, 1982, 1984, 1986, and 1991, receiving UCLA Law's Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1984 and the UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award in 1985, and being honored by the establishment of the William D. Warren Chair in Law;

WHEREAS, Bill contributed substantially to the fields of bankruptcy and commercial law, including by authoring numerous influential articles and books, including two definitive casebooks, and co-drafting Articles 3, 4, and 4A of the Uniform Commercial Code, statutes that continue to govern payments law across the country;

WHEREAS, Bill's continuing contributions to the law have been recognized by various organizations, including by the State Bar of California, which awarded him a lifetime achievement award in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Bill's interests extended far beyond the law, including in his activities as a jogger, avid reader, and classical music enthusiast who continued to join his former coworkers at simulcast Metropolitan Opera performances well into retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Bankruptcy Conference extends its condolences to Bill's beloved wife Sue, children John and Sarah, and two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and further recognizes the inspiration and achievements of William D. Warren and his extraordinary contributions to the bankruptcy and commercial law communities through his work for the Conference, UCLA Law, Uniform Commercial Code drafting committees, and a legion of other distinguished organizations.