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WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
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Resolution in Honor of Joseph H. Gordon Sr. on the Celebration of His 100th Birthday

Whereas, Joseph H. Gordon Sr. was born on March 31, 1909, and was admitted to the Washington State Bar Association on February 1, 1935; and

Whereas, at the beginning of his career, Joseph H. Gordon Sr. joined his father to form the two-person law firm then known as Gordon & Gordon, and as the firm's visionary and catalyst for growth, Mr. Gordon led the firm, known today as Gordon Thomas Honeywell Malanca Peterson & Daheim, to its position as one of the 10 largest law firms in Washington; and

Whereas, Joseph H. Gordon Sr.'s dedication to all levels of the bar is legendary, having served as president of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association and the Western States Bar Association, served on the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association, and the Board of Governors and Board of Regents of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; and

Whereas, Joseph H. Gordon Sr.'s service to the American Bar Association is unsurpassed, having served on the Boards of Governors of the American Bar Association, American Bar Endowment, and American Bar Foundation; served as treasurer of the American Bar Association; attended more than 100 consecutive meetings of the American Bar Association House of Delegates; and received the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation 50-Year Award for his service to the American Bar Association; and

Whereas, the Washington State Bar Association honored Mr. Gordon in 2001 by bestowing upon him the Washington State Bar Association Lifetime Service Award, a special award given for a lifetime of service to the Washington State Bar Association and the public; and

Whereas, for more than 70 years, Mr. Gordon has actively served his community through involvement with the Tacoma Rotary Club, Tacoma First Presbyterian Church, Stanford University Law School Board of Visitors, University of Puget Sound School of Law Board of Visitors, and Tacoma Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, Joseph H. Gordon Sr. demonstrates a zest for life and dedication to his profession; and

Whereas, Joseph H. Gordon Sr. is a man of integrity, generosity, and honor;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That:

The Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association does hereby celebrate Joseph H. Gordon Sr. on the occasion of his 100th birthday, and pay tribute to him for his exemplary service to his profession and his community.

Adopted by the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors on March 6, 2009.

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