

A RESOLUTION honoring Wilbur M. Zevely upon his recognition by the Northern Kentucky Bar Foundation with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, Wilbur Zevely is a partner in the Florence, Kentucky law firm Busald Funk Zevely, PSC; and

WHEREAS, defending thousands of clients in criminal trials before judges and juries, Wilbur Zevely has been practicing law since 1972 throughout Kentucky and Southern Ohio, concentrating in criminal law, domestic relations, and DUI cases; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service as director of the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers since its formation, Wilbur Zevely has been a member of the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; and he is admitted to practice in Federal Court for the Southern District of Ohio and the Eastern District of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, Wilbur Zevely incorporated "The 15th Judicial District Public Defender, Inc.," which was the first state-funded Public Defender Program in the Northern Kentucky area. The program, which Wilbur Zevely ran for years, represented indigent clients in Boone, Gallatin, Grant, Carroll, and Owen Counties; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur Zevely received his B.S. Degree in chemistry from the University of Cincinnati in 1968 and his J.D. from the Salmon P. Chase School of Law in 1972, and prior to entering the practice of law, he worked as a chemist at Monsanto under contract with the United States Atomic Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur Zevely has lectured for many years on DUI issues for the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Kentucky Bar Association, and the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy; and he taught for over ten years training courses at Falbush, Kentucky, for the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur Zevely writes a regular column on DUI tips for the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers newsletter; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur Zevely, along with retired Judge Stanley Billingsley, authors

the Kentucky Driving Under the Influence Law Book, which is a West Law Publication that is rewritten annually and has been published for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2015, with over 100 attorneys and judges present, Wilbur Zevely was presented with the Northern Kentucky Bar Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes Wilburn Zevely as a senior trial attorney who distinguished himself throughout his lengthy career not only as a strong advocate of his clients' causes, but also as a good citizen as well as a good member of his chosen profession; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body hereby honors Wilbur Zevely for his longstanding service in defending thousands of clients in criminal trials throughout Kentucky and Southern Ohio; for his many years of lecturing on DUI issues; for incorporating and running the first state-funded Public Defender Program in the Northern Kentucky area; and for co-authoring the Kentucky Driving Under the Influence Law Book;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The Senate honors Wilbur M. Zevely for his distinguished professional accomplishments, both in and out of the courtroom, and his exemplary efforts in teaching and publishing on DUI issues; wishes him greatest success as he continues to work at the service of the law; and extends to him best wishes in serving the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Wilbur M. Zevely.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator John Schickel for delivery.