

Resolution Honoring Tommy Burnside Jr.

Because the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors, at the request of President Gerald Edenfield, by unanimous voice vote, approved renaming the Excellence in Bar Leadership Award as the Tommy Burnside Jr. Excellence in Bar Leadership Award in recognition of Tommy Burnside Jr.'s lifetime contributions to the legal profession, the State Bar of Georgia resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, Tommy Burnside Jr. has served his community of Augusta in many capacities during his long and distinguished legal career; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Burnside Jr. served on the State Bar of Georgia's Board of Governors for more than 14 years, from 1993 until 2007; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Burnside Jr. served as past president of the Augusta Bar Association, past president of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, and was a life fellow in the Georgia Bar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Burnside Jr. was a member of the American Bar Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, American Board of Trial Advocates and the International Society of Barristers; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Burnside Jr. was a longtime member of the General Practice & Trial Section of the State Bar of Georgia and in 1998 received the Section's highest honor, its Tradition of Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Burnside Jr. was awarded other honors such as being named in the list of Best Lawyers in America since 1993 and being named a Georgia Super Lawyer by *Atlanta Magazine* in 2004 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Burnside Jr. chaired State Bar committees including the Advisory Committee on Legislation and served on numerous others, including the State Disciplinary Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the State Bar of Georgia expresses sincere and profound appreciation to the family of Tommy Burnside Jr. for his lifetime of service to the legal profession in Georgia and wishes to rename the Excellence in Bar Leadership Award as the Tommy Burnside Jr. Excellence in Bar Leadership Award, which will be presented annually to honor an individual for a lifetime of commitment to the legal profession and the justice system in Georgia through dedicated service to a voluntary or specialty bar.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be made a part of the permanent records of the State Bar of Georgia, and that an appropriate copy thereof be delivered to his wife Dianne McGill Burnside and his family.

Given this 3rd day of November 2007

Gerald M. Edenfield
President, State Bar of Georgia