

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BAR OF SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, the State Bar of South Dakota is created for, among other things, the betterment of the administration of justice in South Dakota, and directed under SDCL 16-17-2 "to furnish a legal entity through which the considered judgment of its members on matters affecting the judicial system of the state may be ascertained and made available to the courts and the Legislature";

WHEREAS, the State Bar of South Dakota acknowledges that the judiciary serves a substantial and important role in our democratic way of life, including the resolution of civil and criminal disputes, which improves commerce and economic opportunities for our citizens, preserves order and ensures justice;

WHEREAS, in 2007 the UJS Court Reporter Committee was appointed by former Chief Justice David Gilbertson with its mission to explore innovative ways to provide court reporting services and recruit and retain qualified court reporters and that since its inception this ongoing committee, in executing its mission, is dedicated to the quality and integrity of the court record and to using court reporters to produce this record;

WHEREAS, the Committee continues to support official and freelance court reporters and the importance of court reporting positions in the Unified Judicial System versus electronic reporting methods;

WHEREAS, the number of official and freelance court reporters continues to decline in South Dakota and nationwide;

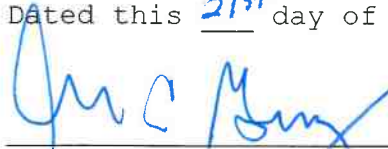
WHEREAS, continuing a strong and highly qualified pool of court reporters is crucial for the betterment of the administration of justice in South Dakota;

BASED UPON THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED that the State Bar of South Dakota supports the efforts of the UJS Court Reporter Committee to continue its mission of recruiting and retaining qualified court reporters for the betterment of the administration of justice in South Dakota.

THIS RESOLUTION was approved by the membership of the South Dakota State Bar at its annual meeting on June 18, 2021.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2021.



William C. Garry, President
State Bar of South Dakota