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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
for the
EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

**Adopted
Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference
Little Rock, Arkansas
July 25, 1985**

RESOLUTION
IN MEMORIAM

of

The Honorable Albert G. Schatz
United States District Judge
District of Nebraska

Presented by: The Honorable Donald R. Ross
United States Circuit Judge

It is impossible to fully capture the essence of a true friend in a memorial resolution. Too many pleasant, personal recollections cloud the main purpose of the tribute. Words somehow are inadequate to express the friendship and love of life we have shared with him. Such is the case today as we bid farewell to our friend, Duke Schatz.

Judge Albert G. Schatz was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on August 4, 1921. He attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943. From 1942 to 1946 he served with distinction as a Combat Officer with the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific Theatre.

After the war he returned to law school and graduated from Creighton University in 1948. He then served as a law clerk for the Honorable Joseph W. Woodrough of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals until 1950 when he joined, and later became a partner in, the law firm of Gross, Welch, Vinardi, Kauffman, Schatz & Day. He was an extremely successful trial attorney and was a longtime member of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

In May of 1973, Duke was appointed United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska and served in that office with distinction until his death on April 30, 1985. In 1979, he was elected by his fellow judges to be the District Court representative to the Judicial Conference of the United States. Shortly thereafter he was appointed to the Executive Committee of that group by Chief Justice Burger. He was reelected in July of 1983 and remained a member of both the Conference and the Executive Committee until his death.

I knew Duke for 46 years, having entered the University of Nebraska with him in 1939. During all of this period I have been proud to be his friend. I had the utmost respect for him as a lawyer, as a judge, and as a person.

Duke was a quiet, gentle man with a ready wit and a wry sense of humor. He was a patient, kind and caring person who was intensely loyal to his family, friends, and staff. He was compassionate with those who came before him. His friends feel that Duke was in a class by himself.

Duke's first wife, Jean, predeceased him in 1978. In 1980 he remarried and he is survived by his widow, Donna, his six children, and five stepchildren. We share with them in the sorrow resulting from our

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mutual loss. We extend our sympathy to them and to all his friends with the passage of this resolution.

Mr. Chairman, I move for the adoption of this resolution. May it be spread upon the records of this Court and copies transmitted to his family and his staff. I ask that all of you who join me in this tribute rise and join in a moment of silence.