

CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES

CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS

Resolution 2

In Recognition of Richard Zorza

WHEREAS, Richard Zorza was the founder of the Self Represented Litigation Network and has served as the coordinator of the Network since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the Self Represented Litigation Network is an open group of organizations dedicated to fulfilling the promise of a justice system that works for all, including those who cannot afford lawyers; and

WHEREAS, the Network brings together courts, bar associations, and access to justice organizations in support of innovation in services for the self represented; and

WHEREAS, the Network serves as a clearinghouse for information, promotes a national agenda, and provides a voice on access to justice issues of concern; and

WHEREAS, Richard Zorza, who has been the heart and soul of the Self Represented Litigation Network, is retiring from his work as coordinator and access to justice consultant; and

WHEREAS, Richard Zorza is known and respected nationally for his intellect, expertise, and his commitment and devotion to access to justice issues; and

WHEREAS, Richard Zorza has been prolific in his production of influential scholarly articles, ground-breaking education curricula, innovative protocols and toolkits, and has served as the foremost ambassador and crusader for the cause of self represented litigants in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Richard Zorza's service has been marked by exceptional accomplishments which have benefited innumerable litigants and courts throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, Richard Zorza has been an active and loyal supporter of the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators attending annual meetings, serving as a presenter for education programs, and maintaining effective lines of communication between the Conferences, the Network, and its related organizations; and

WHEREAS, Richard Zorza is respected, admired, and appreciated by the members of the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators as an exceptional leader in the law and valued friend;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators express their deep appreciation to Richard Zorza for his thoughtful, unique, and dedicated service, loyal support and guidance, and for his unfailing commitment to improving the state courts of this nation, and the Conferences extend to him their best wishes for the future.

Adopted as proposed by the CCJ/COSCA Access, Fairness and Public Trust Committee at the COSCA Midyear Meeting on December 7, 2013 and the CCJ Midyear Meeting on January 29, 2014.