RESOLUTION UPON THE DEATH OF Merle K. Evey, Esquire

WHEREAS, The Almighty has called to His eternal reward one of our brothers, Merle K. Evey, who died on December 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Blair County Bar Association Board of Governors has called an assembly of the Blair County Bench and Bar in profound sorrow to make this memorial tribute to one of its beloved members; and

WHEREAS, the Committee designated by James F. Adams, President of the Blair County Bar Association, respectfully submits the following Resolution upon the passing of Merle K. Evey, one of our distinguished colleagues, whose death brought profound sorrow to all of those who knew him.

NOW WHEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT: Merle K. Evey was born October 9, 1930, in Altoona, Pennsylvania, a son of the late Merle H and Dorothy Evey. Merle was a graduate of Altoona Area High School. He was a proud 1952 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and a 1955 graduate of Dickinson School of Law. After serving his country in the US Army for two years in Germany, he returned to Blair County to practice law with Marion D. Patterson. That partnership grew and thrived into the firm that is currently Evey Black. Merle married Veronica Moran in Altoona, Pennsylvania, with whom he shared over 51 years of marriage.

Merle was well known for his hard work and integrity. He valued the pursuit of justice and mentored his associates to share all of these values. He will be remembered for his gentlemanly demeanor and his respect for his colleagues.

Merle was involved in many aspects of the community through the numerous boards on which he served and the governmental units he represented. In his spare time, he enjoyed Penn State football and the Pittsburgh Pirates, playing golf and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Ronnie; two children, Eileen and Kathleen; two grandchildren, Kate and Brendan, a sister, Helen, many in-laws and nieces and nephews. Merle K. Evey, Esquire will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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Our bar, profession, and community have lost a valued leader and friend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Governors of the Blair County Bar Association on behalf of the members of the Blair County Bench and Bar and all assembled here on this date, December 27, 2013, that this Association records in this manner its sense of loss at the death of Merle K Evey, that this Resolution is evidence of its tribute to his memory and express appreciation for his long and useful service to our Association, his family and his community.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of this Association, upon the record of the Court of Common Pleas of this County, and that a copy thereof be delivered to the bereaved family.

Respectfully submitted,

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