

## RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY CONFERENCE

Adopted November \_\_, 2016

WHEREAS, Hon. Conrad K. Cyr was a widely respected jurist and influential voice in the modernization of the administration of the bankruptcy laws of the United States, having served as a Bankruptcy Referee, a United States Bankruptcy Judge, a Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Maine and of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and a respected and influential member of the National Bankruptcy Conference;

WHEREAS, Connie served with distinction first as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Maine;

WHEREAS, Connie was appointed a referee in bankruptcy for the District of Maine in 1961 and became a bankruptcy judge in 1973, again serving with distinction, including authoring a seminal opinion on adequate protection in the *American Kitchen Foods* Chapter XI case;

WHEREAS, he was an active member of the National Conference of Referees and later the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, rising to become its President;

WHEREAS, as a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges leadership, Connie became actively involved in formulating the "Judges' Bill" response to the proposal of the 1970 Commission on the Bankruptcy Laws of the United States, which played an important role in developing the consensus that led to the enactment of the 1978 Bankruptcy Reform Act;

WHEREAS, his role in the legislative process led to his being invited to testify on several occasions before the Judiciary Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate;

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in creating the AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY LAW JOURNAL as an important scholarly journal in the field of bankruptcy law, where he served as Editor-in-Chief;

WHEREAS, his prominence and the respect in which his colleagues held him led to his appointment by President Ronald Reagan to a judgeship on the United States District Court for the District of Maine and by President George H.W. Bush to a judgeship on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit;

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules of the Judicial Conference;

WHEREAS, in every role and position in which he served, Connie was respected and liked by his colleagues and those who appeared before him;

WHEREAS, Connie made a lasting, positive impact on the work of the National Bankruptcy Conference and on its objectives and on the 1978 bankruptcy law revision in which he played such an important role;

WHEREAS, Connie was an active and indispensable Conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference for many years, serving, among other roles, as the Chair of the Conference's Committee on the Individual Debtor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Bankruptcy Conference recognizes the extraordinary accomplishments, character and abilities of Conrad K. Cyr and his contributions to the improvement of bankruptcy law and bankruptcy system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Bankruptcy Conference expresses its deepest gratitude to Connie for his lifetime of service to the public and to the Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Bankruptcy Conference expresses its most sincere condolences and sympathy to his beloved wife Diana and his sons Keefe and Jeffrey and to his colleagues in the Federal judiciary in the District of Maine and in the First Circuit.