Resolution of the Officers and Board of Trustees of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey¹

AFBNJ Res. No. 2021-01

WHEREAS, we rely upon federal judges to make fair and impartial decisions interpreting our Constitution and the laws of the United States as an essential function of our democracy;

WHEREAS, members of our federal judiciary are subjected to personal threats and acts of violence during the course of performing their duties in service to the public that place judges and their families at significant risk;

WHEREAS, a highly esteemed member of our New Jersey Federal bench, the Honorable Esther Salas, suffered the tragic loss of her only son, Daniel Anderl, and serious injury to her husband, Mark Anderl, at their home on July 19, 2020, at the hands of an assailant who reportedly argued a case before Judge Salas;

WHEREAS, to address these increasing risks, Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker of New Jersey, among others, re-introduced bi-partisan legislation in the United States Senate known as the "Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2021," (the "Act"), with companion legislation introduced in the United States House of Representatives by New Jersey Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill, among others;

WHEREAS, the Act would enhance security procedures, protect privacy and shield personally identifiable information to better enable federal judges to preside over cases and

¹ No current federal public official or employee participated or voted in connection with this Resolution.

render fair and just decisions without fear of intimidation or retribution against themselves and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the officers and trustees of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey (the "Association") urge the United States Senate and House of Representatives to expeditiously consider and pass the Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution become a permanent part of the minutes of the Association and that a copy be transmitted to the President of the United States of America, to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and Senate Minority Leader, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and House Minority Leader, to the United States Senators for the State of New Jersey, and to the Members of the United States House of Representatives for the State of New Jersey.

DATED this 10th day of August, 2021.

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