RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

OF

HONORABLE ALAN N. COOPER

WHEREAS, the members of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges are saddened by the passing of Judge Alan N. Cooper of Wilmington, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cooper served with distinction on the Delaware Family Court bench from 2005 until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cooper demonstrated steadfast concern for the welfare of children and families and was known as a compassionate and fair jurist; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cooper, while in private practice, gave generously of his time as a volunteer for Delaware Volunteer Legal Services, the Office of the Child Advocate, and the Victim’s Advocacy Program, and was the recipient of Delaware Volunteer Legal Services Outstanding Pro Bono Service award; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cooper carried his sense of commitment to the community with him to the family court, leading many of the court’s initiatives for systems change, particularly in the area of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cooper was a longtime member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and served on its Family Violence and Domestic Relations Advisory Committee and participated in numerous projects to improve court systems nationwide, most notably the Family Court Enhancement Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Judge Alan Cooper of Wilmington, Delaware, was instrumental in exploring and establishing innovative guidelines and best practices for family court proceedings in Delaware and across the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges notes with sincere regret the passing of Judge Alan Cooper, and extends to his family and community its deepest sympathy.
RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

OF

HONORABLE PATRICIA CLARK

WHEREAS, the members of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges are saddened by the passing of Judge Patricia Clark of Bellevue, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Judge Clark served with distinction on the King County Superior Court bench from 1998 until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Judge Clark demonstrated steadfast concern for the welfare of children and families and was known as a visionary and as a compassionate, sincere and fair jurist; and

WHEREAS, as a nationally known expert on the child welfare system and its intersection with the courts, Judge Clark’s work transformed the Washington State dependency system; and

WHEREAS, Judge Clark worked to improve justice for Native American children and families and reinvigorated tribal-state court relationships in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Judge Clark was a longtime member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and served on the Courts Catalyzing Change Advisory Committee, and also served as Lead Judge for the Seattle Model Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Clark presented at national, state and local conferences offering her expertise on implicit bias and implementation of the Courts Catalyzing Change initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Judge Patricia Clark of Bellevue, Washington, was an inspiration and model for judicial leadership, working to improve the lives of thousands of vulnerable children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges notes with sincere regret the passing of Judge Patricia Clark, and extends to her family and community its deepest sympathy.

Adopted this 14th day of November, 2015
By the NCJFCJ Board of Directors
Reno, Nevada
RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

MS. LELIA BAUM HOPPER

WHEREAS, The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) pursues a mission to provide all judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases with the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lelia Baum Hopper has been supportive in furthering the Council’s mission through membership in the NCJFCJ; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hopper has served children and families through leadership of the Virginia Court Improvement Program for many years; and

WHEREAS, during her distinguished career Ms. Hopper was instrumental in the implementation of many successful programs within the State of Virginia, including the Best Practice Courts Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hopper furthered the work of NCJFCJ and court improvement nationally through participation on its Juvenile Law Advisory Committees and with the Child Victims Act Model Courts; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lelia Baum Hopper has demonstrated commitment and leadership to address the needs of dependent children and their families appearing before the courts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges recognizes and extends its appreciation to Ms. Lelia Baum Hopper for her exemplary service in support of NCJFCJ’s mission through contributions on Committees and within its Membership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges notes with sincere regret the passing of Ms. Lelia Baum Hopper, and extends to her family and community its deepest sympathy.

Adopted this 9th day of May, 2016
By the NCJFCJ Executive Committee
RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

OF

Honorable John W. Davis, III

WHEREAS, the members of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges are saddened by the passing of Judge John W. Davis, III of Montgomery, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Judge Davis served with distinction on the Family Court bench for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Judge Davis served as an arbitrator, mediator, and consultant to the Alabama Administrative Office of the Courts for over 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Davis was a committed advocate for vulnerable children and families, and was a leader in implementing alternatives to detention for youthful offenders; and

WHEREAS, Judge Davis was known as a compassionate and knowledgeable jurist; and

WHEREAS, Judge Davis participated as a member in good standing of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges for many years, including service on its Board of Trustees and numerous committees, and active efforts to encourage and support NCJFCJ membership for Alabama judges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges notes with sincere regret the passing of Judge John W. Davis, III, and extends to his family and community its deepest sympathy.

Adopted this 12th day of January, 2016
By the NCJFCJ Executive Committee
RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

OF

Honorable William Gladstone

WHEREAS, the members of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges are saddened by the passing of Judge William Gladstone who retired from the Miami-Dade Circuit Court in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Judge Gladstone served with distinction on the Circuit Court bench for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Gladstone was known as a judge who set a standard of excellence in everything he pursued; and

WHEREAS, Judge Gladstone spent his career transforming the juvenile justice and dependency court systems in Dade County and nationally to systems concerned with child well-being; and

WHEREAS, Judge Gladstone served as Special Adviser to a U.S. Senator on matters of juvenile justice; and

WHEREAS, Judge Gladstone was known as a compassionate and knowledgeable jurist who would not tolerate the mistreatment of children; and

WHEREAS, Judge Gladstone mentored other judges to continue in leadership roles and champion implementation of best practices for infants and toddlers;

WHEREAS, Judge Gladstone participated as a member in good standing of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges for many years, including service as faculty at local, state and national conferences, on numerous committees, and on the NCJFCJ Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges notes with sincere regret the passing of Judge William Gladstone, and extends to his family and community its deepest sympathy.

Adopted this 9th day of February, 2016
By the NCJFCJ Executive Committee
RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

OF

HONORABLE JUDITH S. KAYE

WHEREAS, the members of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges are saddened by the passing of Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye, retired, of Manhattan, New York; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kaye served with distinction on the New York State Court of Appeals for nearly 16 years, including service as its Chief Judge from 1993 until her retirement in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kaye demonstrated steadfast concern for the welfare of children, families, and victims of domestic violence and was known as a visionary jurist; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kaye was a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and supportive of its mission and vision; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kaye believed in specialized courts focused on problem-solving and well-being of families; and

WHEREAS, as a Chief Judge she established the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children; and

WHEREAS, among Judge Kaye’s significant contributions was the Nicholson decision, an important milestone for battered women in the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, following retirement Judge Kaye continued her work on behalf of children and families, chairing the National Leadership Summit on School-Justice Partnerships: Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court, which brought together teams of juvenile court judges and professionals, school administrators, educators, and researchers to discuss strategies to eliminate the "school-to-juvenile justice system" pipeline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye of Manhattan, New York, was a visionary judicial leader, working to improve the justice system for thousands of vulnerable children, families, and victims of domestic violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges notes with sincere regret the passing of Judge Judith S. Kaye, and extends to her family and community its deepest sympathy.

Adopted this 12th day of January, 2016
By the NCJFCJ Executive Committee
RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

OF

Honorable W. Don Reader

WHEREAS, the members of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges are saddened by the passing of Judge W. Don Reader of Canton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Judge Reader served with distinction on the Family Court bench for 22 years and one term on the appellate bench; and

WHEREAS, Judge Reader was known as a “teaching” judge to lawyers regarding their responsibilities to their clients and to the law; and

WHEREAS, Judge Reader spent his career working for children and families, including work with legislators to revise juvenile justice statutes in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Judge Reader was known as a compassionate and knowledgeable jurist whose activities both on and off the bench were directed toward helping youth; and

WHEREAS, Judge Reader participated as a member in good standing of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges for many years, including service on numerous committees, its Board of Trustees, and as President in 1989-90.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges notes with sincere regret the passing of Judge W. Donald Reader, and extends to his family and community its deepest sympathy.

Adopted this 9th day of February, 2016
By the NCJFCJ Executive Committee
RESOLUTION
HONORING

DR. JAMES RICHARDSON
Director of Judicial Studies
Foundation Professor of Sociology and Judicial Studies
University of Nevada, Reno

On the Occasion of his Retirement
For Outstanding Leadership in Judicial Education
and Ongoing Partnership with the NCJFCJ

WHEREAS, The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), pursues a mission to provide all judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases with the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Dr. Jim Richardson was instrumental in the development of the Justice Studies and Justice Management degree programs at the University of Nevada, Reno; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Richardson has been supportive in furthering the Council’s mission to educate juvenile and family court judges by partnering with the NCJFCJ on the Judicial Studies and Justice Management degree programs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Richardson has demonstrated commitment and leadership to providing unique educational opportunities for the judiciary and allied professions to improve the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Richardson has made substantial scholarly contributions to the social sciences and the law; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Richardson has served the University of Nevada, Reno for 48 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges recognizes and extends its appreciation to Dr. James Richardson for his exemplary service in support of NCJFCJ’s mission and advanced judicial/justice education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NCJFCJ congratulates Dr. James Richardson on his retirement and the new opportunities before him.

Adopted this 11th day of May, 2016
By the NCJFCJ Executive Committee