

**RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

**WHEREAS**, Sarah Evans Barker, a remarkable public servant, has served her state and country as United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana since March 14, 1984, and as Chief Judge between 1994 and 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Sarah Evans Barker was the first woman in the state of Indiana to be appointed as a federal judge; and

**WHEREAS**, Sarah Evans Barker served as president of the 900-member Federal Judges Association from 2007 through 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Sarah Evans Barker has served on the Special Study Committee on Judicial Conduct and Disability (the “Breyer Committee”); the Judicial Conference of the United States and its Executive Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, Standing Rules Committee, Budget Committee and the Judicial Branch Committee (ex-officio); on a variety of Seventh Circuit committees; and has been a member and officer of several bar associations; and

**WHEREAS**, Sarah Evans Barker preceded her appointment to the bench with service as United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, from 1981 until 1984; and

**WHEREAS**, Sarah Evans Barker was a highly respected lawyer during her years in private practice from 1977 until 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, Sarah Evans Barker was the first woman to serve as an assistant United States attorney in the Southern District of Indiana, from 1972 until 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, Sarah Evans Barker became a senior judge on June 30, 2014, yet retained a full caseload until the appointment of her successor, allowing the court to function at full judicial capacity while the Judicial Conference of the United States declared a State of Judicial Emergency in the Southern District of Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Sarah Evans Barker has been a leader and role model for both women and men in the legal profession in the balance of professional, family, and personal life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the court, sitting in Indianapolis, Indiana, assembles on this date to honor Sarah Evans Barker and to give testimony to her remarkable stewardship, particularly in the courtroom in which she has presided since her appointment on March 14, 1984. Thus, the court hereby Designates and Dedicates to the honor of its judicial sister, Judge Sarah Evans Barker, Courtroom 216 of the Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse at Indianapolis, as “The Sarah Evans Barker Courtroom” by which it shall henceforth be known and in which her official portrait shall be hung along with an appropriate plaque memorializing this occasion and this Resolution.

**ALL OF WHICH IS SO RESOLVED** this 14th day of July, 2016.

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RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHIEF JUDGE

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LARRY J. MCKINNEY, SENIOR JUDGE

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WILLIAM T. LAWRENCE, JUDGE

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JANE E. MAGNUS-STINSON, JUDGE

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TANYA WALTON PRATT, JUDGE