

RESOLUTION

THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC. (ABA) WERE EXCEEDINGLY SADDENED TO RECEIVE THE NEWS OF THE DEMISE OF ONE OF OUR MOST FAITHFUL BRIDGE PLAYERS, IN THE PERSON OF

RICHARD HAUSBER BOWLING

WHEREAS, RICHARD, A LIFE-LONG BRIDGE ENTHUSIAST, JOINED THE ABA IN 1984 AMASSING OVER 1300 MASTERPOINTS IN ONLY FIVE YEARS. HE FAITHFULLY SERVED AS ONE OF THE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE GATE CITY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB OF GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, AS THE MID-ATLANTIC ABA SECTION VICE PRESIDENT, AND FROM 2002 THRU 2005, AS THE 19TH NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

WHEREAS, RICHARD, POSSESSING A WEALTH OF SUCCESSFUL CORPORATE EXPERIENCE, IN 1995 BEGAN A FIVE-YEARS SERVICE AS ABA'S MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON, CONDUCTING RESEARCH, ANALYSES AND RECOMMENDING SERIOUS ABA CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, HANDBOOK REVISIONS, FINE-TUNING OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – ALL UNDERLINED BY ACCOUNTABILITY, COMMUNICATION, TEAMWORK, AND A WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE.

WHEREAS, DURING HIS TENURE AS MID-ATLANTIC SECTION VICE PRESIDENT, RICHARD IDENTIFIED TWO CRUCIAL NEEDS FOR THE ABA, 1. THE PRIORITIZATION OF BRIDGE EDUCATION, ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF LESSER MASTERPOINT HOLDERS, AND 2. THE NEED TO INCREASE THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO ASSIST IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE ABA, EMAIL COMMUNICATION, ONLINE BRIDGE PLAY, POWER-POINT PRESENTATIONS, SCORE KEEPING - THE USE OF ACBL SCORE, AND MUCH MORE IN PROCESSING, FINANCE AND RECORD KEEPING.

WHEREAS, RICHARD, THE ABA'S 19TH NATIONAL PRESIDENT, ADDED KEY NEW COMMITTEES/ POSITIONS TO BENEFIT THE ABA'S TRANSITION INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM, THAT IS, LEADERSHIP, MARKETING, AND COMPUTER INTEGRATED SYSTEM ANALYST FOR THE ON-GOING COLLEGIATE BRIDGE PROGRAM, BRIDGE CONNECTION, AND ACBL SCORE PROGRAMS.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC., ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ALTHOUGH OUR HEARTS ARE SADDENED, WE WILL REMEMBER THE COMPASSION, FORESIGHT, AND ZEST FOR INNOVATION OF OUR FELLOW BRIDGE MEMBER. WE WILL NEVER FORGET THE DIGNITY WITH WHICH HE SERVED AND THE HONOR OF OUR LIVES BEING ENHANCED BY THE UTMOST PLEASURE OF KNOWING HIM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE GIVEN TO HIS WIFE, TREANA BOWLING, A COPY BE SENT TO THE ABA EASTERN SECTION, AND COPY BE PLACED IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC. MAY ALL FIND COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT WE CARE AND SHARE YOUR GREAT LOSS AND WILL ALWAYS LOVINGLY REMEMBER OUR LEADER AND FELLOW BRIDGE PLAYER, RICHARD HAUSBER BOWLING.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

THE AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION ON THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY, 2023.



Harold R. Bickham

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT,
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