

National Association for Court Management

Resolution 2015-5

Honoring the Memory of Edward B. McConnell

WHEREAS, the National Association for Court Management wishes to celebrate the life and works of Edward B. McConnell (1920-2015); and

WHEREAS, the National Center for State Courts (Center) and the court community has suffered a collective loss of a true pioneer in the field of court and judicial administration; and

WHEREAS, Edward B. McConnell lived a legacy of service by sacrificing to serve his country in World War II earning a Bronze Medal and attaining the rank of major; and

WHEREAS, after twenty years of serving as the Administrative Director of the New Jersey Courts, the longest tenure since New Jersey's 1947 Constitution was enacted, Edward B. McConnell was selected as the first President of the newly created National Center for State Courts in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Edward B. McConnell was a highly respected leader that provided strategic leadership in the development of the Center from its inception to what is now a widely respected resource for courts throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, his leadership with the Center was exemplary and marked by exceptional accomplishments benefitting innumerable court users and courts throughout the nation, deeming him one of the nation's first professional court administrators advancing the administration of justice on a national scale; and

WHEREAS, Edward B. McConnell willingly shared his experience, wisdom and dedication to courts across the country and internationally by leading the Center's commitment to providing sound models for innovation and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Edward B. McConnell represents the best of court management and his legacy will forever be appreciated and remain as a benchmark to strengthen present and future court leaders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in gratitude for his substantive contributions to the profession of court management and court professionals across the globe, the National Association for Court Management and its more than 1,800 members honor the memory of Edward B. McConnell as a leader, colleague and friend.

RESOLVED, on this ____ day of _____, 20__.