MEMORIAL Resolution Honoring

James L. Walsh

To the Honorable Judges of the Court, colleagues of the Bar, and friends in attendance:

James L. Walsh was born on August 24, 1947, in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, to the late Leon and Emma (Palko) Walsh. He passed away on January 13, 2026, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, survived by his loving wife, Tawna (Bauer) Walsh; his stepson Matthew Bauer; many cousins, including Lisa Bradley, William Gilger, Mark Gilger, Julian Burgess, Maryann Anderson, and Susan Barrett; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Walsh graduated from the University of Scranton in 1969 and, after graduating from Dickinson Law School in 1972, was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Thus began an outstanding legal career.

In early private practice, as an associate with Steve C. Nicholas, Esq., Herschel Lock, Esq., and Robert Lieberman, Esq., Attorney Walsh sought justice for individuals who needed his help. Personal remuneration was always secondary to service of the client. As a counselor, he compassionately handled difficult domestic, employment, and testamentary matters. As an advocate, each criminal case in which he was involved resulted in the best attainable outcome for his client.

In the Pennsylvania National Guard, Captain Walsh served as a JAG (Judge Advocate General) officer in the 1970's and 1980's.

In public service, Mr. Walsh had a distinguished career with the Legislative Reference Bureau from March 1973 until his retirement in April 2013.

After serving as a Drafting Attorney for almost 30 years, he became Assistant Director. This career covered bill drafting, from rudimentary to modern efforts; litigation; development of an outstanding law office; and continuing legal education.

As a Drafting Attorney, Jim Walsh took as much time as necessary to fully explain the process and the potential results to legislative staff, executive branch officers and employees,

and lobbyists; and then he went to work drafting bills, resolutions, amendments, and other measures. This operation utilized the now antiquated techniques of physically cutting and pasting textual passages, handwriting material for transcription, and reviewing the Bureau's final products. When the time came for change, Jim, as Assistant Director, learned and applied the rudiments of the modern legislative drafting system as he helped lead the Bureau and its employees during transition into this system.

Over the years, legal disputes arose between the branches of State Government and with outside organizations. In many of these disputes, it was Jim Walsh who headed the Bureau's litigation team.

We honor a critical player in transforming the Legislative Reference Bureau into a law office. That law office continues to serve the General Assembly in particular, State Government in general, and the citizens of the Commonwealth; and it secures the Bureau's role as guardian of the principle of separation of powers.

The best use of knowledge is sharing it. Jim shared his knowledge by personal mentoring of young attorneys and law students, by directing continuing education programs for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, and by conducting in-house seminars for the General Assembly.

There were passions outside of the profession. Jim was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He also enjoyed sports as an avid golfer and a loyal fan of the Phillies, the Eagles, and Notre Dame.

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

that members of the Dauphin County Bar Association honor James L. Walsh, Esq., and extend our deepest sympathy to all who mourn his passing;

that this resolution be filed with the Prothonotary of the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas and that copies of this resolution be placed in the records of the Court and of the Dauphin County Bar Association; and

that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Tawna (Bauer) Walsh.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent C. DeLiberato, Jr. Esq.