## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION UPON THE DEATH OF CHARLES O. BARTO, JR.

Charles O. Barto, Jr.—known as Chuck Barto—died July 7, 2010, at the age of 63 at the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg. Chuck had been in failing health for some time and in February 2010 he underwent serious and extensive heart surgery. Though he came through the surgery he never fully recovered and in the early morning hours of July 7 his heart just gave out.

Those who knew Chuck in his prime before ill health began to drag him down will miss the substantial intellect he brought to the practice of law, his ability to solve problems for clients, the friendship he always freely extended, his hearty laugh, and his zest for fun.

Chuck was born August 12, 1946, in Altoona, Pennsylvania, the son of Ernestine and Charles O. Barto, Sr. Chuck was extremely proud of the fact that his father was an Army Ranger who was among those who stormed the beach during the D-Day invasion of Normandy in World War II. Chuck always spoke of the fact that his father's feat was all the more remarkable because he was carrying a knapsack filled with explosives.

During Chuck's early teen years his family moved to Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. While in high school in Lock Haven, he developed considerable musical talent. He played clarinet in the concert band, bass drum in the marching band, alto saxophone in the jazz band, and sang in the varsity chorus. His fun-loving side was always at the ready, but he was a serious student, as evidenced by his membership in the National Honor Society.

Chuck graduated from Lock Haven High School in 1964 and went on to Penn State, where he enrolled in the pre-law curriculum. It was while a student at Penn State that he developed his love of Penn State football and became a lifelong fan. Later, as a lawyer, he counted several Penn State football staff members and assistant coaches among his clients. He graduated from Penn State in 1968 and began his legal studies at the Dickinson School of Law.

He liked telling the story that Tom Ridge was one of his classmates at Dickinson and that he knew Ridge would someday be a successful politician because he was the only student who came to class in a coat and tie every day. Chuck joined the law firm of Killian & Gephart in Harrisburg after graduating from Dickinson in 1971. Like many young lawyers in Dauphin County, he also served on the staff of the Public Defender's Office.

At Killian & Gephart Chuck developed a niche practice in health care law and worked his way up to partner. In 1983, he established his own firm, Charles O. Barto Jr. & Associates.

For many years Chuck served as counsel to the Pennsylvania Health Care Association and also provided representation on an individual basis to many long-term care facilities throughout Pennsylvania. In 1988 the Pennsylvania Health Care Association gave Chuck its Better Life Award for contributing to the understanding of the long-term-care industry.

As an example of his ability to solve problems for clients, Chuck won accolades in 1991 for helping to establish the Pennsylvania Providers Bridge Corporation, which made available \$100 million in low-cost bridge loans to Pennsylvania long-term care facilities that were being squeezed by a lack of state funding during a budget crisis.

Chuck was never hesitant to provide pro bono help. It was not unusual for Chuck to refuse to take any fee when old friends came to him for legal advice or help. He worked with many organizations, including the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. He was active with the Kiwanis Club. He served as president of the East Shore Kiwanis and a term as lieutenant governor of Kiwanis of Pennsylvania. He was a fixture as a volunteer at the Kiwanis' chicken barbeques at Colonial Park. Chuck was particularly fond of working with the Koons Park Swimming Pool in Linglestown, where he lived. He not only provided legal advice when needed and served as pool president, but he also, in a pinch, would fill in as a lifeguard.

The kid in him loved Christmas. Putting up the Christmas tree and the electric train was an annual tradition in his office. He loved Disney characters and often sported a Mickey Mouse watch or a Mickey Mouse tie. Every year he eagerly awaited his annual vacation in Stone Harbor, N.J. He loved a good read, particularly thrillers and science fiction, and he had a custom of inscribing his initials and a short review on the flyleaves of books he had finished.

The only times Chuck bragged was when he related the field hockey exploits of his daughter, Megan, and, in more recent years, the activities of his beloved granddaughter, Haley.

He thought the world of Haley and always went out of his way for her. He also leaves behind his wife of some 40 years, Marsha.

Chuck died too soon and too young. Life didn't always go the way he hoped or expected, but he expressed the hope that "the Big Guy up there"—as he put it—would be understanding and give him a pass.

Therefore be it resolved that with the death of Chuck Barto, the bar has a lost a talented and good-hearted man, a practitioner who helped many and gave of himself.

And resolved further that the members of the Dauphin County Bar here assembled mourn the loss of a valued colleague, Chuck Barto, and extend their sympathies and condolences to his family and friends.

And resolved further that copies of this Memorial Resolution be placed in the records of the Dauphin County Courts and the Dauphin County Bar Association, that the original copy be filed in the Office of the Prothonotary, and that the copies be transmitted to his family.

Respectfully subfaitted,

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