

**RESOLUTION HONORING NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD FOUNDER  
BARNEY ROSENSTEIN ON HIS 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

*Whereas*, in the midst of tremendous social upheaval, and unprecedented economic hardship, The National Lawyers Guild was founded in Convention at Washington, D.C. in February, 1937, attended by 600 lawyers from across the country, including 28 year-old lawyer Barney Rosenstein of New York; and,

*Whereas*, Barney and his wife Fanchon Rosenstein celebrated their honeymoon by attending that NLG founding Convention; and,

*Whereas*, Barney Rosenstein's legal career epitomized the spirit of the National Lawyers Guild to "function as an effective social force in the service of the people" by representing and advising labor unions and leaders, representing tenants against landlords, encouraging them to organize, and by litigating and obtaining a court ruling which recognized that "the right of picketing for other than labor demands to protest in a peaceable manner against injustice or oppression" is not to be prosecuted, but cherished; and,

*Whereas*, Barney Rosenstein became deeply involved in resisting efforts by the owners of Carnegie Hall in 1959 to demolish it for a new office building, by organizing the tenants and artists who lived there to successfully encourage New York City Mayor Wagner and Gov. Rockefeller to preserve Carnegie Hall; and

*Whereas*, after retiring to Sarasota, Florida in 1980, Barney Rosenstein has continued to provide his legal expertise with Legal Aid representing indigents, helped to create Mental Health Courts, and continues to write and lecture on the Bill of Rights and participate with the Democratic Party of Sarasota; and

*Whereas*, on December 10, 2008, Barney Rosenstein will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and is the lone surviving founder of the National Lawyers Guild;

*Now therefore, Be it Resolved by the National Lawyers Guild, at its 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention*, that it issue a Proclamation commemorating, honoring and thanking Barney Rosenstein for his contributions to the National Lawyers Guild to the legal community and to society, and for providing younger Guild members a shining example of a life-long spirit of action in the best traditions of our profession.

IMPLEMENTATION: The National Executive Committee of National Lawyers Guild  
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