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Thus I feel that all the people of our nation, and not just the lawyers, have a stake in the program that I have mentioned to you today, in just outline form, of strengthening the work of the American Bar Association. I firmly believe that in the liberty of the people of the United States lies the hope of the world. And it is certainly true that in a strong legal profession lies the only way that that liberty can be maintained.

It has been a wonderful experience to visit with you and to have this privilege of appearing before you today. I ask each and every one of you to give me and give the American Bar Association your assistance in order that we can make of this great profession of ours the kind of a profession that we would all like to have.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

In the absence of Mr. Floyd Reischling of Seattle, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, the report of the committee was given by Mr. Lee Olwell of Seattle, who reported the following resolutions with the recommendation that they do pass. Both resolutions were adopted. The resolution relating to the unauthorized practice of law provided the following:

WHEREAS, it has been reported that agents or employees of various banks, escrow and title companies doing business within the State of Washington have engaged and are engaging in the drafting of legal instruments for third persons; and

WHEREAS, the subject of this type of unauthorized practice has previously been given the attention of this Association in prior conventions which have condemned this unauthorized practice, but without specific directives, other than the authorization to commence court proceedings to stop such practices and activities in individual cases; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this convention that upon a report being made of the existence of this unauthorized practice in any community by such escrow company, title company, bank, or other institution, that such report be forthwith thoroughly investigated, and where indicated, preventative litigation be commenced and properly and vigorously prosecuted.

The second resolution provided:

WHEREAS, the Washington State Bar Association, in convention

assembled, fully understands and appreciates its debt of gratitude to the various public officials, public and private organizations, and to the people of the City of Seattle, for their hospitality and cooperation during this convention, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the officers and members of this Association, and by this resolution is conveyed, its appreciation and thanks for the warm and hearty welcome and the generous hospitality extended to this Association and to their ladies, by the gracious people of the City of Seattle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Bar Association extends its particular thanks to the host City of Seattle, to the Seattle Bar Association, to the Women's Auxiliary of the Seattle Bar Association, to the Press, and to those unsung, unnamed heroes, who with their ladies, served so whole-heartedly on the various committees which labored so unceasingly to make this convention a success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that last, but not least, this Association commends the absence of Jupiter Pluvius from this area during the period of its convention.

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