

By the Honorable Lou Correa, 34th Senatorial District; Relative to Commending

## Daniel J. Callahan

WHEREAS, Daniel J. Callahan, a longstanding member of California's legal community, has enjoyed a lifetime of remarkable success in every avenue of his endeavors, inspiring others through his professional achievements and support of the community, and it is appropriate at this time that he be extended special public recognition; and

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, Illinois, who graduated with his Bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Western Illinois University in 1976, and with honors from the University of California, Davis School of Law in 1979 while serving as Editor of the Law Review, Daniel Callahan began his career in Hawaii before relocating to Southern California to start his own firm on March 17, 1984; and

WHEREAS, A lawyer who practices in the areas of complex civil and business litigation, traumatic brain and spine injury, personal injury litigation, and insurance coverage and insurance bad faith, Daniel Callahan has distinguished himself as one of the top trial attorneys in California, and has repeatedly been recognized by his peers for his incredible accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Since founding Callahan & Blaine, Daniel Callahan has won many jury trials and obtained numerous seven- and eight-figure settlements on behalf of his clients, including such notable verdicts as the \$934 million jury verdict obtained in 2003 through Beckman Coulter vs. Flextronics, a unanimous verdict that became California's largest settlement in 2003 and remains the largest in Orange County history; and a \$50 million settlement in a road design case against the City of Dana Point, the largest personal injury settlement in United States history; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Daniel Callahan has given nationwide seminars on litigation and published multiple articles on litigation strategy and practice, and he regularly lectures on such topics as advanced trial skills, the use of technology in the courtroom, jury selection, and opening statements; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Callahan's outstanding professional record has led to his recognition as one of the best in his field, thrice winning the prestigious OCTLA Trial Lawyer of the Year award, and holding distinction as one of the National Law Journal's Top 10 Attorneys in the United States; California Lawyer Magazine's California Business Trial Lawyer of the Year; and one of the American Trial Association's Top 100 Trial Lawyers, among other notable honors; and

WHEREAS, As a result of his tireless hard work and unwavering commitment, Daniel Callahan has compiled an impressive record of career and civic achievements, a record that has earned him the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of associating with him; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY SENATOR LOU CORREA**, That Daniel J. Callahan be extended deep appreciation for his dedication and contributions to the people of the State of California, and conveyed best wishes for continued success in the future.

Member Resolution No. 381 Dated this 15th day of April, 2014.

Honorable Lou Correa 34th Senatorial District