



RESOLUTION

American Association for Justice Board of Governors

Honoring the Life and Service of Precious Tyrone Martin Sr.

WHEREAS, Precious Martin, one of the nation's outstanding trial lawyers and a devoted friend of the American civil justice system, was lost in a tragic ATV four-wheeler crash on May 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Precious Martin was a proud magna cum laude graduate of the Tougaloo College, and of the University of Mississippi Law School, where he was extremely active in the Mock Trial and Moot Court boards, and was honored with the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity award; and

WHEREAS, Precious Martin entered the legal profession as an associate with esteemed trial lawyer and fellow American Association for Justice (AAJ) member Isaac Byrd; and went on to form Precious Martin, Sr. and Associates; and served as an outstanding leader of the legal profession for nearly 20 years as a preeminent member of the bar and as a member of AAJ for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, Precious Martin was the first African American president of the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association (now the Mississippi Association for Justice) and a former president of the Magnolia Bar Association (the minority bar of Mississippi); and

WHEREAS, Precious Martin was an avid supporter of pro-civil justice candidates, known for his work on civil rights cases, including litigation that alleged the federal government denied USDA benefits for nearly 15 years to African American farmers; and

WHEREAS, Precious Martin was a vigilant advocate and friend in the legal community primarily handling cases for individuals injured through no fault of their own and who could not otherwise afford quality legal representation; and

WHEREAS, Precious Martin was a devoted member of the New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, and one of his community's most outstanding citizens, serving as counsel to the Mississippi General Baptist State Convention; and generously

volunteering his many talents to numerous causes and organizations, including the annual “Back to School Supply Giveaway” and his weekly radio talk show “Talk of the Town”; and

WHEREAS, Precious Martin was a compassionate advocate dedicated to serving others and a community leader, personal friend and mentor to so many members of this Association, especially to members of the Minority Caucus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the American Association for Justice express their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the life and work of Precious Martin and extend their deepest sympathy to his beloved family, including his wife and law partner Crystal Wise Martin and their four children, Precious, Jr., Daniel Elias, Alyssa Diane, and Anna Grace.

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