

RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF THE

HONORABLE JOHN G. FLETCHER

BY THE

FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL JUDGES
STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS our beloved friend and colleague, Judge John G. Fletcher, departed from this life on February 22, 2010, leaving a great void for his beloved wife, Donna, his children, and all who knew and loved him, and

WHEREAS from this terrible loss we are consoled by remembering with affection our departed colleague's contributions to humanity, it is therefore appropriate that at this time and place, we pause to reflect upon Judge John G. Fletcher's career.

Judge Fletcher was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1937, and moved with his parents to Dunedin, Florida, in 1952. He graduated from Clearwater High School in 1955, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Miami in 1959, and his law degree from the University of Florida in 1962.

Judge Fletcher selflessly answered the call to public service from that time forward. After being released from active military service in 1963, he joined the Pinellas County Attorney's office, where he practiced as an assistant county attorney and chief assistant until August 1967. In that year, he moved to Miami and joined the Dade County Attorney's office as an assistant county attorney until 1973, when he began his own private practice.

Even while in private practice, Judge Fletcher maintained his commitment to public service. He was the City Attorney for the City of Naples and the City of Sweetwater and represented various governmental agencies as special counsel,

including the municipalities of North Miami, Miami Beach, Hialeah, Hialeah Gardens, Miami Springs, and North Bay Village. He was also special counsel to the Dade County School Board and to the Broward County Expressway Authority. He also represented private clients in matters related to governmental law, including eminent domain, land use, election, and property tax matters.

Judge Fletcher dutifully shared his expertise. He taught state and local taxation as an assistant adjunct professor at the University of Miami. He also lectured at various continuing legal education seminars on local government, environmental law, land use law and professional ethics.

In March, 1996, he was called back to full-time public service by his appointment to the Third District Court of Appeal by Governor Lawton Chiles. While on the court, Judge Fletcher always made himself available to discuss a legal issue with anyone, from the most senior of his fellow judges to the newest intern. He would cheerfully share the knowledge garnered from his many years of experience, especially in land use and zoning.

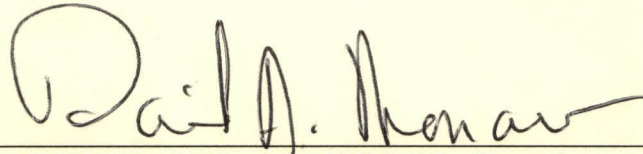
Modest beyond compare, many are not aware of Judge Fletcher's numerous talents. Although we are thankful he chose the law, he would have succeeded in various fields. At times, he was an adept actor and amazed people with his recall of memorable lines from classic films. He also was a gifted cartoonist. Wonderful drawings depicting the life of a judge adorned the wall of his office at the court.

As a jurist, Judge Fletcher was a consistent model of civility and integrity, and was known for his exceptional intellect, his passion for the law, and his capacity for achieving the justice in any given case. He was dedicated, hard-working, and a great fellow in all ways. You always knew where you stood with Judge Fletcher. His honesty, caring nature, and thoughtfulness was evident in everything he did on the court. The Third District Court of Appeal is a better place because of him, and those of us who labor here have been truly blessed by his tenure on the court.

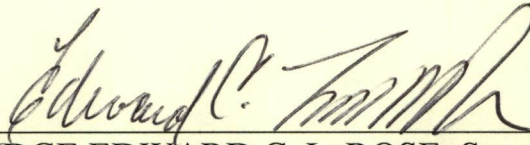
Therefore, be it resolved by the Florida Conference of District Court of Appeal Judges, at this ceremonial session here in Ponte Verde Beach, Florida, on

the 14th day of September, 2010, that we adopt this Resolution to memorialize the great contributions made to humankind by the late Judge John G. Fletcher, and to express our profound sense of personal and official loss at his passing.

Done this 14th day of September, 2010.



JUDGE DAVID A MONACO, President
Florida Conference of District Court of Appeal Judges



JUDGE EDWARD C. LaROSE, Secretary/Treasurer Florida
Conference of District Court of Appeal Judges