COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL STUDENT SENATE

Resolution Providing Support for the People of Haiti

PROPOSED
January 19, 2010

PROPOSITORS
Benjamin Brickner
Jessica Isokawa
L. David Peters

ADOPTED AS AMENDED
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The students of Columbia Law School are united in their concern for and support of the Haitian people during its time of great need.

RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL STUDENT SENATE,

That the students of Columbia Law School extend their heartfelt sympathy to all who are affected by this tragedy;

That the students of Columbia Law School, through their student representatives, offer, as a modest token of their support, a contribution to the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund for disaster relief in Haiti (see http://www.clintonbushhaitifund.org/);

That to fund this contribution, the price of the 2010 Barristers’ Ball tickets shall be increased by ten dollars each, relative to the 2009 price;\[¹\]

That for this purpose, the Student Senate shall cause the proceeds to be disbursed after they have been raised;

That the Social Committee is encouraged to promote the 2010 Barristers’ Ball as a night of fun and fund-raising and to solicit additional, voluntary contributions for disaster relief in Haiti from attendees during the event, and

That the Student Senate President shall publish this resolution, with the Senate’s endorsement, to the student body.

This resolution expires upon its execution.

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That the recipient of these funds shall be the American Red Cross;

That this amount shall be drawn from the following spring semester line items of the Senate’s 2009-10 budget (see http://www.clssenate.org/proposed-donation):

(1) Student Group Allocation: reduced by 3 percent or $2,190;
(2) Social Committee – Other Events: reduced by 3 percent or $450;
(3) Graduation Committee – General Events: reduced by 3 percent or $300;
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