

Rotary Club of Everett



RESOLUTION – JUDGE ERIC Z. LUCAS

PREAMBLE

Judge Eric Zebedee Lucas was born April 16, 1954, at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane. When he was 12 years old, he moved to Everett, where his father started a construction company.

Eric himself noted:

"The summer I turned sixteen, I discovered my father could not read very well. He ordered me to read his business mail, tell him what it said, and he then dictated to me the return letter. My ability to read made me a resource for the company. I was told to read job specifications and report to key staff what they meant. Then I was told to meet with bankers, bonding agents, insurance brokers, and attorneys. This is how I began to get interested in the law."

Eric attended Stanford University, graduated from the University of Washington, and received his law degree from Harvard Law School.

Ever since law school, he had been a public servant. First a prosecuting attorney, then a city attorney, and in 2004 he ran for superior court judge and became the first African American elected to the bench in Snohomish County, a position he held until his retirement in December 2020.

Eric was a musician, a poet, and a writer whose published books "Island Horse" and "The Tao of Public Service" serve as the centerpiece of his creative writing.

A person who firmly believed in the daily practice of prayer and meditation, Eric continued to study the spiritual path his entire life.

He coached all his sons' sports teams, and he served on a variety of boards such as Snohomish County Mental Health, Planned Parenthood, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, NAACP, Legal Services, and Homage, along with a long-term position on the State Judges Association's Equality and Fairness Council.

Eric passed away on September 11, 2021. He leaves behind his wife, Beth, and six children.

Eric touched many lives with his laughter, humor, love, and ideals of justice. He was more than a lawyer and judge; he was a civic leader and a pioneer. But ultimately, he was a loving husband, a proud father, and a doting grandfather.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Eric Lucas was a dedicated public servant and community leader whose intellect and vision enabled him to accomplish so many important goals that benefited our region, and

WHEREAS, Eric Lucas exhibited a genuine and abiding interest in the health and well-being of others, and

WHEREAS, Eric Lucas believed in, acted in accordance with, and was a firm proponent of Rotary's principled motto: Service Above Self, and

WHEREAS, we have each of us been blessed by the presence of Eric Lucas in our lives and in the Rotary Club of Everett.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rotary President Gregory M. Lineberry be charged with the duty of placing a copy of this Resolution in the hands of Eric's family so that they may know of both the high esteem in which we hold Eric and the great fondness in our hearts for his memory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the Rotary Club of Everett, united here together, observe a moment of silence in honor of our departed friend Judge Eric Zebedee Lucas.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I affix my hand and seal this Twenty-Eighth Day of September 2021:

Robert Bavasi
Chair - Resolutions Committee
Rotary Club of Everett

ATTEST:

Gregory M. Lineberry
President
Rotary Club of Everett

ATTEST:

Neil Angst
Secretary
Rotary Club of Everett