



**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LATE THOMAS W. FARRELL.**

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Farrell of Roanoke, a respected public servant and attorney, died January 28, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Farrell is offered to the memory of our Association as a fine lawyer and a good man; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Farrell was born in Rochester, New York, son of Bill and Mary Farrell of Honeoye Falls, New York; Tom graduated from St. John Fisher College, Rochester, and George Mason School of Law; he was a Legislative Associate for a Congressman and several associations in the Washington, D.C. area from 1980-1987; he began his legal career as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in Danville, Virginia, and moved his family to Roanoke in 1990 and became a partner in the law firm of WootenHart, PLC;

WHEREAS, Tom had a strong belief in civic duty and was a member of the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club for 15 years, serving as president in 1996-1997 and awarded Lion of the Year in 1993 and 1995; He was a member of the Roanoke Claims Association, a past president and past treasurer; he was a coach and mentor with SW County Youth Softball and Soccer League for many years during his daughters'

participation in youth sports, and at the time of his death was involved with Hidden Valley High School Athletic Boosters and held membership with USA Swimming, enabling him to judge in RVAA and High School swimming; Tom was a member of the Masters Swimming program at Carter Athletic Center and the Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church swim team; he was a member of the Roanoke Athletic Club for 18 years where he shared his passion for fitness with many friends; and

WHEREAS, Tom was a terrible golfer, an improving swimmer and a great runner; he ran through cities worldwide and entered countless local races including finishing the Richmond Marathon in 2006 and 2007; Tom attended Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church where he served on the Cemetery Committee; and

WHEREAS, his personal life was blessed with a loving wife, Connie Farrell, daughters, Elizabeth and Katie; sisters, Mary Agahee, and husband, Mossi and her family of Torrance, California, Teresa Walker and husband, Jesse, of Margate, Florida, Sharon Bednarczyk and her husband, John and family of Fairport, New York; brother Bill Farrell and wife, Linda and family of Fort Mill, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Farrell will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving family and his numerous friends for his great sense of humor and generous heart:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of Thomas W. Farrell, and holds his memory and his contributions to this Association, to this community, and to the cause of justice in high regard; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Circuit Courts of the City and County of Roanoke, the City of Salem and the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Roanoke Division, with motions that the resolution be spread upon the permanent common law order books of those courts; and that copies of this resolution be furnished to his family to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds him and his memory and the Association's sorrow at his passing.

**GIVEN** under the hands of the President and Secretary of the Roanoke Bar Association and the seal of the Association this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

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Mark K. Cathey  
President, Roanoke Bar Association

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Francis H. Casola  
Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association