



A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LATE MICHAEL JAMES AHERON

WHEREAS, a resolution is made memorializing the passing of Michael James Aheron, a member of this association and of the Virginia State Bar, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Aheron was born on October 14, 1951, in Roanoke, Virginia, where he lived the duration of his life;

Mr. Aheron was a graduate of Northside High School, where he was beloved by his classmates who elected him to serve as president of his freshman, sophomore, and junior classes, and the student body, and he went on to graduate from Oberlin College and the T.C. Williams School of Law;

Upon completion of law school, Mr. Aheron returned to the Roanoke community to practice law until his passing on August 13, 2004. He was a partner with his esteemed colleagues at the firm of Osterhoudt, Ferguson, Natt, Aheron & Agee, where he came to specialize his practice in residential real estate, and later formed his own law firm and was joined in practice by C. John Renick.

Mr. Aheron never strayed far from his roots, continuing throughout his life to assist his mother and father on the family's beef cattle farm in the Red Brush section of Craig County, affectionately known by Mr. Aheron's high-school friends as the "Funny Farm."

Mr. Aheron exhibited a love for life even in the face of grave illness; maintaining a sense of humor that lifted all those in his presence, remaining an avid hockey fan that never missed an opportunity to attend a Roanoke Express Game, and steadfastly supporting Virginia Tech and the Redskins, even during their lean-years, when fair-weather supporters abandoned hope.

Mr. Aheron exemplified the qualities of the "Citizen Lawyer," serving as an Eagle Scout, a member of the Board of the Blue Ridge Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and a lifelong member of St. James Episcopal Church, where he held many positions, including Senior Warden.

Mr. Aheron was respected by his peers for his knowledge and skill in the field of residential real estate, having served as counsel to the Roanoke Valley Board of Realtors, and been voted top real estate attorney in 2003.

Mr. Aheron was respected as well by his community as exhibited by the establishment of the Michael J. Aheron Leadership Scholarship for a gifted Northside High

School senior in 2002 and by the proclamation of May 11, 2002 as "Michael J. Aheron Day," by the Roanoke City Council and the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Aheron was loved by his family, with whom during his lifetime he was known to be inseparable, whether working together on the family farm, vacationing in Hawaii - the home of his beloved wife of twenty-nine years, Avis, or supporting his daughters, Grace and Sarah, in competitive swimming.

Mr. Aheron's contribution to this association, to the practice of law and to the people of the Roanoke Valley is hereby gratefully recognized.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Roanoke Bar Association honors the memory of Michael James Aheron, and mourns his loss to his family, the Bar Association and to the entire Roanoke Valley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Memorial Resolution be forwarded to each member of the Michael James Aheron Family as an expression of sympathy and appreciation from this Association on behalf of all of the lawyers of the Roanoke Valley for the example of his life and the results of his work and service.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be spread in the Minute Book of this Association and copies be forwarded to the Memorial Archives of the Roanoke Bar Library, the Roanoke County-Salem Bar Association, the Roanoke Chapter of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, and submitted to the Circuit Courts of the City of Roanoke, the County of Roanoke, the City of Salem, the County of Floyd and the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia; that motions be made in each of said Courts that said Memorial Resolution be spread in the appropriate order book of said Courts; and that additional copies be forwarded to whomever else the President of this Association deems appropriate.

Given under the hands of the president and secretary of the Roanoke Bar Association and the seal of the Association this 12th day of April, 2005:

President, Roanoke Bar Association

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Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association