



## **A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LATE BURTON LEE ALBERT**

**WHEREAS**, Burton Lee Albert, known to most as Burt, died at the age of seventy-one on June 19, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Burt was born in Sioux City, Iowa, a place dear to his heart as demonstrated by his widely known Virginia license plate number –“Sioux Em”; and

**WHEREAS**, Burt graduated from high school in Sioux City, Iowa, received a B.A. degree from Dartmouth College, a J.D. degree from Duke University and was admitted to the Virginia State Bar in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Burt began the practice of law with the Morton Honeyman Law Firm in Roanoke and thereafter practiced in various law firms wherein he was a partner but principally practiced as a sole practitioner, actively engaging in the practice of law, literally, until the day that he died; and

**WHEREAS**, Burt was widely known as a lawyer who held himself to the highest standards of ethical and intellectual excellence, many times openly holding his own clients accountable to tribunals before which he practiced for their lapses in credibility; and

**WHEREAS**, Burt loved the game of golf, golfing around the world and gathering together the largest collection of personalized golf balls from numerous golfing venues ever accumulated in the western hemisphere (his version – not verified); and

**WHEREAS**, Burt was a member of MENSA, certifying to his intellectual prowess but which stood in stark contrast with his lifelong reverence for Dartmouth Basketball (go “Big Green”) and Iowa Hawkeye athletics in general (go “Gold and Black”); and

**WHEREAS**, Burt was universally known for his appearances on the game show Jeopardy in 1991, winning repeatedly until an ignominious defeat at the hands of two competitors of considerably less intellectual talent (his version); and

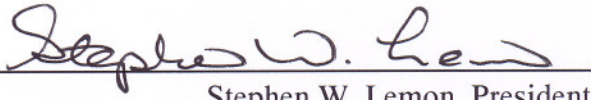
**WHEREAS**, Burt was devoted to his Jewish faith and was a long-standing member of Roanoke’s Temple Emanuel congregation; and

**WHEREAS**, Burt was married to Melinda Guthrie Albert, his soul mate and the love of his life with whom he had found perfect love and contentment and he was devoted to a beloved son and daughter-in-law, E. Jason Albert and his wife Katie, and a grandson, Simon David Albert and two brothers, Michael Lewis Albert and Neil Frederick Albert;

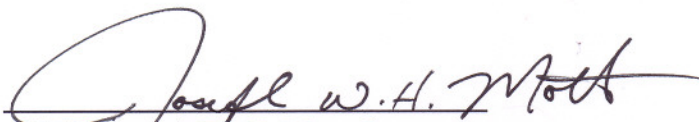
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of Burt Albert and holds his memory and his contributions to the legal profession and to his community in the highest regard; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Courts of the City and County of Roanoke and the City of Salem, and to the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, with motions that the resolution be spread upon the permanent common law order books of those courts; and that copies of this resolution also be furnished to the family of Burt Albert, to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds Burt 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

  
Stephen W. Lemon, President

TESTE:

  
Joseph W. H. Mott, Secretary