



## **RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LATE HAROLD M. BATES.**

WHEREAS, Harold M. (Hal) Bates of Roanoke, a respected public servant and attorney, died November 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Harold M. Bates is offered to the memory of our Association as a fine lawyer and a good man; and

WHEREAS, Harold M. Bates was born in Wise County, Virginia on March 11, 1928, son of William J. and Reba W. Bates; Hal graduated from the College of William and Mary and earned his law degree from Washington and Lee University; he was a freshman coach and served on the Board of Directors of the William & Mary Alumni Association; Hal was a special agent with the FBI in Newark and New York City and was an investigator with the U.S. Defense Department in Lexington; he was an attorney in the Roanoke area from 1966 until his retirement in 2006 and was affiliated with the James River Limestone Company in Buchanan from 1970 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, Hal was with the Airborne United States Army from 1946-1947 and was involved in several veterans organizations; and

WHEREAS, Hal enjoyed snow skiing, bike riding and traveling; and

WHEREAS, his personal life was blessed with a loving wife, Helen Herndon Bates, daughter, Linda B. Thumas, and son and daughter-in-law, Carl and Karen Bates, grandchildren, numerous extended family, close friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Harold M. Bates 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 Harold M. Bates, 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 8th day of September, 2009.

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Roy V. Creasy  
President

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Lori D. Thompson  
Secretary/Treasurer