



A RESOLUTION memorializing the late William Johnson Creech, Jr.

WHEREAS, when Mr. Creech departed this life on Saturday, the 12th day of February, 2005, the president of the Roanoke Bar Association wished to recognize the achievements of Mr. Creech.

WHEREAS, Mr. Creech was born in Kinston, North Carolina, on July 9, 1949, to the late William Johnson Creech, Sr. and Iwilda Jarman Creech.

WHEREAS, Mr. Creech graduated from Old Dominion University and received his law degree from Washington & Lee University School of Law.

WHEREAS, Mr. Creech was an esteemed member of the Virginia State Bar Association. He practiced law in Roanoke, Virginia, for twenty-five years, focusing his practice in the areas of banking, real estate, commercial transactions and commercial litigation. He was a partner at the law firm of Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore until he retired from that firm in 1994. Finding the practice of law difficult to abandon, he subsequently joined the firm of Jolly, Place, Fralin and Prillaman where he served as Of Counsel from 1994 until 1999. He went on to serve as Of Counsel at the firm of Warner & Renick, PLC, from 1999 until his death.

WHEREAS, Mr. Creech was highly regarded by his colleagues in the Roanoke Bar Association for his pragmatic approach to the practice of law. He has been described as having the ability to accomplish significant legal results with very few pieces of paper and was a man who could truly be taken at his word. He was a mentor to a number of highly-regarded attorneys who had the good fortune to practice with Mr. Creech during their early years of practice.

WHEREAS, Mr. Creech subsequently relocated to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, where he was a founding organizer and board member of CoastalStates Bank and Broker-in-Charge of Blue Chip Properties.

WHEREAS, Mr. Creech is survived by his beloved wife, Janice Austin Creech, his son, William Johnson Creech, III, his daughter, Sarah McLain Creech, and his treasured mother Iwilda Jarman Creech.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of William Johnson Creech, Jr., 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 of Roanoke 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 Mr. Creech's family to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds Mr. Creech 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 13th day of December, 2005.

President, Roanoke Bar Association

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Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association