



**A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING
THE LATE F. RODNEY FITZPATRICK**

WHEREAS F. Rodney Fitzpatrick passed away at age 81 in Roanoke on February 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS the said Rodney Fitzpatrick was born in Roanoke on October 6, 1925, and graduated from Jefferson High School in Roanoke, Virginia; he served in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II and returned to the states in 1945; he graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia in 1949 and thereafter worked as a solo practitioner until his retirement in 2004, serving more than 50 years as an attorney in the Roanoke area; he was active in a number of professional organizations including the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, of which he served as President in 1974-75; the Roanoke Bar Association, of which he served as President in 1975-76; the Virginia State Bar; the Virginia Bar Association and he became a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation in 1999; and

WHEREAS to his opponents in the courtroom, Rodney Fitzpatrick could be a tough match, always seriously advocating for his clients, but one who never forgot his manners and was “always a gentleman;” he always approached his family and friends with love and compassion, and stood for all that was right, exemplifying a man of great integrity and;

WHEREAS Rodney Fitzpatrick was known to be a life long true Democrat and a southern gentleman who loved his law practice, seafood (especially shrimp), a good joke, vacations on South Carolina’s Myrtle Beach, living in Roanoke and above all, his family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of F. Rodney Fitzpatrick, 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 and 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 Rodney Fitzpatrick's 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 11th day of September, 2007.

President, Roanoke Bar Association

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Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association