



RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LATE LEIGH B. HANES, JR.

WHEREAS, Leigh B. Hanes, Jr. of Roanoke, a respected public servant and lawyer, died August 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Leigh B. Hanes is offered to the memory of our Association as a fine lawyer and a good man; and

WHEREAS, Leigh B. Hanes was born on April 4, 1918 in Roanoke, Virginia, son of the late Leigh B. Hanes, Sr. and Lillian T. Hanes; Leigh graduated from Jefferson High School, Hampden- Sydney College and The University of Maryland Law School; he served during World War II as a special agent with the FBI, and also with the United States Army Counter Intelligence Corps; following his discharge Leigh returned to service in the FBI before returning to Roanoke in 1951 where he joined his father in the practice of law in the firm of Hanes and Hanes; he then entered local politics as a Republican and earned the support of future governor Linwood Holton and future congressman Caldwell Butler in his run for Roanoke City Council; he served on City Council, including service as Vice-Mayor, from 1953-1956; after his time on Council, Leigh joined the U.S. Attorney's Office, served as a U.S. District Court Clerk for nearly a decade, and in 1969 was named U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia until his retirement from that post in 1975; he went on to serve as Commonwealth's Attorney for Botetourt County from 1976-1979,

town attorney for Troutville during the 1980's, and as interim Clerk for Botetourt County Circuit Court in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Leigh was a long time and faithful member of Roanoke's First Presbyterian Church and later Fincastle Presbyterian Church, serving both as a deacon and elder; he was a member of numerous fraternal organizations, including Rotary, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Chi Beta Phi; he was a co-founder and former chairman of the Roanoke Valley Conflict Resolution Center, and numerous other organizations benefited from his dedicated involvement, including the Botetourt Historical Society, Foundation for Roanoke Valley, League of Older Americans and Roanoke Regional Partnership; and

WHEREAS, his personal life was blessed with a loving wife, Frances Hilton Hanes, daughter Whitney Feldmann and husband Mark of Roanoke, two sons, Tom Hanes and wife Jennifer of Richmond, and David Hanes and wife Sandra of Spartanburg, South Carolina; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Leigh B. Hanes, Jr. will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving family and his numerous friends for being an inveterate storyteller; tinkerer; lover of the land; servant of his church, community, and country; and, as expressed by his son David, as a person who "gave many people a second chance to make better decisions."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of Leigh B. Hanes, 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 County of Botetourt, Virginia, 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 10th day of February, 2009.

Mark K. Cathey
President, Roanoke Bar Association

TESTE:

Francis H. Casola
Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association