



**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LATE FORTESCUE “FORTY” W. HOPKINS.**

WHEREAS, Fortescue “Forty” W. Hopkins, a respected public servant and attorney, died February 12, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Forty Hopkins is offered to the memory of our Association as a fine lawyer and a good man; and

WHEREAS, Forty Hopkins was born on February 17, 1920 in Salem, Virginia, son of the late Maude and Garland Hopkins; he graduated from Episcopal High School, the University of Virginia and the University of Virginia School of Law; he served as a United States Naval officer in the Pacific during World War II; Forty started his law career in Fincastle and then spent time in Pittsburgh and Chicago where he was a tax attorney for the IRS; he then returned to Virginia to practice law in Roanoke and Salem; and

WHEREAS, Forty Hopkins was a member of the Blue Ridge Soaring Society and Sons of the American Revolution; he will be remembered for his passion of flying gliders, snorkeling in Craig Creek, traveling around the world, playing bridge, his admiration of Patrick Henry and his support of the Flat Tax;

WHEREAS, his personal life was blessed with a loving wife of 38 years, Lora McWhorter Hopkins, son, James Hopkins and his wife, Shelley of Seattle, Washington; daughters Janie Hopkins of Austin, Texas, Susan Hopkins Meyers and her husband, Mark, of The Hague, Netherlands, and Talbot Hopkins Trudeau and her husband, Robert, of Shreveport, Louisiana; and stepdaughters, Lynn McWhorter Speno and her husband, David, of Atlanta, Georgia, and Julie

McWhorter Raney and her husband, Julian, of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; and his sister, Nancy Hopkins Mahone, and several grandchildren and step-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Forty Hopkins will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving family and his numerous friends as being an enthusiastic and devoted husband, father, stepfather, and brother, who had boundless energy and a sincere love for his family, community and country;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of Fortescue “Forty” W. Hopkins, 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 10th day of March, 2009.

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Mark K. Cathey  
President

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Francis H. Casola  
Secretary