



**A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING
THE LATE WILLIAM BENJAMIN HOPKINS, SR.**

WHEREAS, William Benjamin Hopkins, Sr., known to many as Bill or Senator, died at the age of ninety on December 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Bill was born in Richmond, Virginia on April 16, 1922, the son of Judge Abram H. Hopkins and Catherine Dabney Walker Lee Hopkins and grew up on a farm in Franklin County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Bill graduated from Franklin County High School and from Washington and Lee University in March, 1942, his degree having been accelerated by the beginning of World War II; and

WHEREAS, in March, 1942, Bill enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in the Pacific theater where he saw combat in the battles of the Solomon Islands, Bougainville and Guadalcanal; and

WHEREAS, in 1950 during the Korean War, Bill was recalled to active duty by the United States Marine Corps, where he fought at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, which some acclaim as the most heroic battle ever fought by the United States Marine Corp. He was later wounded and following hospitalization, Bill retired with the rank of Major; and

WHEREAS, Bill was the author of One Bugle, No Drums, a book containing his personal experiences during and reflections on the Korean War and was also the author of The Pacific War, a history of the war in the Pacific Theater in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Bill graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1948, and began the practice of law in Roanoke with the firm of Martin and Martin, which became Martin, Martin and Hopkins and now Martin Hopkins and Lemon and continued an active practice of law until shortly before his death; and

WHEREAS, Bill devoted his life to the practice of law and to community service. He served the Commonwealth for twenty (20) years as a member of the Virginia State Senate, four (4) as majority leader and where on three (3) occasions he was recognized as an outstanding legislator and served as chairman of the Hopkins Commission which studied the structure of government in Virginia and many of its recommendations were adopted in the reorganization of Virginia state government; and

WHEREAS, Bill was a founding director of Center In The Square wherein his contributions were recognized by the naming of the Hopkins Planetarium in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Bill was a past president of the Roanoke Bar Association and a recipient of the Frank W. "Bo" Rogers, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS in 1948, Bill married the former Virginia George of Charlottesville, to whom he was married for sixty two (62) before her death in 2010. Bill and Ginny were the loving and proud parents of five children: his daughters, Dabney Hopkins, Sarah Hopkins Finley and Marshall Martin, and two sons, William Jr. and Carter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of Bill Hopkins and holds his memory and his contributions to the legal profession and to his community in the highest regard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Courts of the City and County of Roanoke and the City of Salem, and to the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, with motions that the resolution be spread upon the permanent common law order books of those courts; and that copies of this resolution also be

furnished to the family of Bill Hopkins, to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds Bill 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 12th day of March, 2013.

Thomas H. Miller
President, Roanoke Bar Association

TESTE:

Richard C. Maxwell
Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association