



**A RESOLUTION** memorializing the late John (Jack) Holliday Kennett, Jr.

WHEREAS John (Jack) Holliday Kennett, Jr., passed away at age 77 in Roanoke on July 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS the said Jack Kennett was born in Atlanta on June 28, 1929, and was the son of the late John Kennett and Alice Kennett; Jack graduated from Jefferson High School in Roanoke, Virginia, in 1947; he attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1951 and was a champion swimmer and diver, as well as a popular, dashing cheerleader, and was a member of the Varsity Monogram Club; and

WHEREAS Jack Kennett then attended the University of Virginia Law School where he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1954, and was a member of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity 1952-54, and Treasurer of Virginia Law Weekly 1953-54. While in his third year of law school, Jack applied for and passed the Bar examination giving him the distinction of being the only Bar Association member who was still in college; in the 1950's, as a young lawyer, Jack was invited to a reception in Washington, DC, where he met the young Massachusetts Senator John F. Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline; and

WHEREAS Jack Kennett was recently honored as a fifty-year member of the University of Virginia Lyle Society; Jack was President of Roanoke Estate Planning Council 1961, and was nominated a Kentucky Colonel by the Governor of Kentucky in 1967; the Roanoke Valley Legal Secretaries elected him "Boss of the Year" in 1980; he was recently honored as a fifty-year member of the American Bar Association, and his outstanding leadership and achievements have been documented in such diverse directories as Who's Who in American Law, Continental Who's Who (a lifetime Premier Member), National Directory of Who's Who in Executives & Professionals 1994-2002, Foxington Who's Who of Executives & Professionals and the Global Directory 2006; and

WHEREAS Jack Kennett was a creative and colorful lawyer known for his wit and resourcefulness as evidenced by the following incident that made him famous among his fellow lawyers:

Representing himself as his own lawyer in a case in which he was a party defendant, Jack took the witness stand and as his own lawyer asked himself a question as the witness. Pausing to collect his thoughts, he seriously responded as the witness to his own question "I didn't understand the question...would you mind repeating it?"

WHEREAS Jack Kennett is survived by his wife of forty years, Barbara; daughter, Elizabeth Orlowski and her husband, Robert; daughter, Leigh Holliday Greenbaum and her husband, Dylan and their son, Blakeleigh; sister, Ellen K. Clements; and is also survived by his faithful Bassett Hound, Buttercup; Jack was a lifelong member of Second Presbyterian Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of John (Jack) Holliday Kennett, 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 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 Jack Kennett's family to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds Jack Kennett 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.

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President, Roanoke Bar Association

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Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association