



A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING EDWARD S. KIDD, JR

WHEREAS, the Honorable Edward S. Kidd, Jr. passed away peacefully on July 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Judge Edward S. Kidd, Jr. is offered to the memory of our Association as an extraordinary lawyer, judge, mentor and friend.

WHEREAS, Judge Kidd was born October 2, 1930 in Alexandria, Virginia, son of Edward S. Kidd, Sr. and Grace Kidd; and

WHEREAS, following completion of his undergraduate studies, he attended George Washington University School of Law. His legal pursuits were interrupted by an Army draft notice, where he served during the Korean War period.

Marrying his beloved Betty, the two spent 18 months in Germany while Judge Kidd was posted to the Army JAG Corps. Returning to the United States, Judge Kidd was employed in the insurance industry, eventually transferring to Roanoke.

Successfully completing the bar examination process, Judge Kidd opened his practice in Old Southwest, and

WHEREAS, Judge Kidd was the first Special Justice appointed in the 23rd Judicial District, serving as such and as a substitute judge until his election to the General District Court bench in February 1979, and

WHEREAS, Judge Kidd sat as judge of the General District Court from 1979 through 1981, Chief Judge from 1981 through his retirement in 1994 and as a designated judge through 2008.

Judge Kidd's tenure was marked by his unwavering recognition that the people before him were real people involved in real dilemmas requiring real resolution. He deeply appreciated the human drama — and comedy - attendant to the civil, criminal and traffic matters that were the daily fare. Judge Kidd took his work seriously, but never himself too seriously. He did not suffer fools lightly, but always had the time and inclination to tell, with kindness, an illustrative story to a young lawyer needing re-direction in courtroom tactics. Many were the beneficiaries, and

WHEREAS, Judge Kidd was a member of the Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, a member of the Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge, a Past President of the American Judges Foundation, a Past Treasurer of the American Judge's Association, and a Past President of the Association of General District Court Judges, and served on numerous civic and community boards; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kidd's energy, attention and interest were not limited to judicial duties. He was a sculptor, painter, woodworker, historian, farmer and collector of musical instruments he was completely unable to play. Some of the best time was tractor time on the Floyd County farm. He relished the research and history of the courthouses in Virginia.

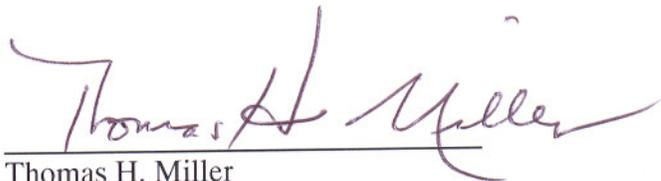
Judge Kidd was a loyal member of the 11:00 o'clock Coffee Club, from Guy's to Sheila's, where the greatest problems of national, state and local import are routinely defined, discussed and summarily resolved. He maintained his interest in courthouse happenings and was always eager to hear of the latest theatrics by our prominent litigators, and

WHEREAS, Judge Kidd is survived by his wife Betty; daughter, Deneen Amos; sons Stan and Michael, their wives Susan and Angela; six grandchildren; a sister; a brother and many colleagues and friends.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of the Honorable Edward S. Kidd, Jr., and holds his memory and his contributions to this Association, to this community, and to the cause of justice in high regard; and

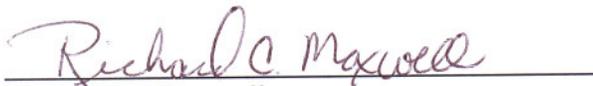
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Circuit Courts of the City and County of Roanoke and the City of Salem and the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Roanoke Division, with motions that the resolution be spread upon the permanent common law order books of those courts; and that copies of this resolution be furnished to Judge Kidd's family to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds Judge Kidd 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 February, 2013.



Thomas H. Miller
President, Roanoke Bar Association

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Richard C. Maxwell
Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association