

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,

A RESOLUTION memorializing the late James N. Kincanon, former City Attorney, and President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Roanoke Bar Association.

WHEREAS, the members of Council learned of the passing of Mr. Kincanon on December 26, 2003;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kincanon was born in Clarksville, Mississippi, on January 8, 1912, the son of a minister, who moved the family to Roanoke soon after his birth;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kincanon, who “read” the law, was self-taught and passed the State Bar examination on his first try, becoming licensed to practice law in Virginia on June 30, 1934;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kincanon joined the Navy in 1942, during World War II, and was Commanding Officer of LST-572, which took part in the Pacific campaign, delivering tanks, trucks, troops, and supplies to various islands and participated in the invasion of Okinawa; and in 1944, on a 10-day leave, Mr. Kincanon both met and married Louisa Frances Booth, his wife of 60 years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kincanon retired with the rank of Commander from the Naval Reserve in 1971;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kincanon was hired as Assistant to the City Attorney on November 16, 1948, and was appointed City Attorney on May 5, 1965, and he served the City well and took pride in his careful guardianship of the legal position of the City until his retirement on January 5, 1977;

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the City of Roanoke Centennial Commission and the Roanoke Valley Bicentennial Commission and was a Director of the Roanoke Valley Historical Society;

WHEREAS, in April of 1976, the Roanoke Valley Historical Society proposed to City Council the renovation and restoration of the Crystal Spring Pumping Station building and the 71-year old Snow steam pump housed therein as a community Bicentennial project, and upon City Council's approval of the volunteer project, Mr. Kincanon worked diligently with numerous individuals, organizations and businesses to make this project become a reality and by August, 1976, it was substantially complete and ready for public view; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kincanon served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Roanoke Bar Association for 50 years, and after his retirement as Secretary-Treasurer, in honor of his long service to the Roanoke Bar Association, the Board of Directors in 1997, established the James N. Kincanon Scholarship Fund, of which he was particularly proud.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Roanoke as follows:

1. City Council adopts this resolution as a means of recording its deepest regret and sorrow at the passing of James N. Kincanon, and extends to his family its sincerest condolences.
2. The City Clerk is directed to forward an attested copy of this resolution to Mr. Kincanon's widow, Frances B. Kincanon, Roanoke, Virginia, and to his sons and daughters-in-law, Peter and Ellen Kincanon, Hardy, Virginia, James N. Kincanon, Jr., Roanoke, Virginia, and John and Susan Kincanon, Santa Clarita, California.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.