



Roanoke Bar Association

*Joint Resolution of
The Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association
And
The Roanoke Bar Association*

Commending Judge Julian H. Raney, Jr.

Agreed to January 24, 2008

WHEREAS, Julian H. Raney, Jr., of Roanoke, an admired and respected general district court judge of the 23rd Judicial District, retired in 2007 after many years of distinguished public service to the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Julian H. Raney, Jr. was born in 1945 in Orangeburg, South Carolina and graduated from Brookville High School; and

WHEREAS, Julian H. Raney, Jr. earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in 1967; and

WHEREAS, following graduation from the University of Virginia, Julian H. Raney, Jr. served two tours of duty in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Julian H. Raney, Jr. went on to study at The College of William & Mary in Virginia, where he obtained a law degree in 1974; and

WHEREAS, after passing the Virginia Bar Examination in 1974, Julian H. Raney, Jr. was admitted to the bar and became an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Roanoke under Robert F. Rider and in 1976 became the Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Roanoke; and,

WHEREAS in 1978 Julian H. Raney, Jr. became a member of the firm of Lichtenstein, Weckstein & Raney in Roanoke where he was known for his work ethic, kindness, and courage as an advocate; and

WHEREAS in 1978 Julian H. Raney, Jr. wed Julie McWhorter and with her reared two children, Thomas Elliot and Jill Livingston; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 Julian H. Raney, Jr. was appointed as a judge to the 23rd Judicial District of Virginia, serving for 23 years and earning a reputation for being analytical and firm but very fair; and

WHEREAS, Judge Raney, always very committed to his profession, has been involved in many professional organizations as an attorney and as a judge served on statewide committees of the Supreme Court of Virginia with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Judge Raney served the 23rd Judicial District with great dignity and wisdom and always showed concern and compassion for the welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association, the Roanoke Bar Association concurring, that the Attorneys of the Roanoke Valley hereby commend Judge Julian H. Raney, Jr., for his long service to the citizens of the Cities of Roanoke and Salem and the County of Roanoke; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Corresponding Secretary of the Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association shall prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Judge Julian H. Raney, Jr., as an expression of gratitude for his years of service, wisdom and fairness in administering justice in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Teste:

John Stuart Koehler

*Corresponding Secretary,
Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association*