



A RESOLUTION memorializing the late Frank Waters Rogers, Jr.

Whereas, Frank Waters Rogers, Jr., known to everyone as “Bo,” died suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 76 in Roanoke, Virginia, on July 11, 2005; and

Whereas, Bo was a lifelong resident of Roanoke, the son of Frank Waters Rogers, Sr. and Anne Jett Rogers; graduated from Episcopal High School, Princeton University and the University of Virginia School of Law; and obtained his LL.M. in taxation from the Georgetown University Law Center; and

Whereas, after serving in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps of the United States Army, Bo returned to Roanoke in 1960 to join what was then Woods, Rogers, Muse & Walker, the law firm in which his father and twin brother practiced, where he had spent countless Saturday mornings as a child, accompanying his father, and where, at the time of his death, he remained an active and beloved member; and

Whereas, Bo spent the entire remainder of his legal career with Woods Rogers, representing some of Roanoke’s most prominent individual and corporate citizens in the areas of estate planning and general corporate law and, more importantly, acting as friend and counselor to many clients with whom he had relationships spanning decades; and

Whereas, Bo considered it a privilege to be an attorney and embraced the obligations that went along with that privilege, most particularly the obligation to community service, having served on the boards of directors of innumerable civic and charitable organizations such as the YMCA, the Roanoke Symphony Society, Episcopal High School, and the Virginia Historical Society; as a member of the vestry of St. John’s Episcopal Church; and on the boards of such significant Roanoke institutions as Hollins University and the First National Exchange Bank; and

Whereas, Bo also served terms as the managing partner of Woods Rogers and as president of the Roanoke Bar Association, and gave freely of his time in training younger attorneys, having participated even in the last year of his life in the preparation of a continuing legal education program on trusts and estates; and

Whereas, Bo was best known for his extraordinarily warm personality, his wonderful sense of humor, his devotion to the legal profession and, most importantly, for his love of his family—his wife Lori, his daughters Molly and Newnie, and his son Frank III (the latter two having followed in Bo’s footsteps as members of the Virginia Bar); and

Whereas, Bo epitomized the great attributes of the legal profession: integrity, civility, compassion, commitment to service, and dedication to the ideal of professionalism, treating everyone, clients and adversaries alike, with the utmost courtesy and respect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of Bo Rogers and holds his memory and his contributions to the legal profession and to the community in the highest 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 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 Bo Rogers, to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds Bo 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 September, 2006.

President, Roanoke Bar Association

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Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association