



**A RESOLUTION** memorializing the late Felix Jack Ward.

**WHEREAS**, when Mr. Ward departed this life on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005, the president of the Roanoke Bar Association wished to recognize the achievements of Mr. Ward.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ward was born in Pulaski, Virginia on January 2, 1919, to the late Felix Floyd Ward and Naomi Weeks Ward.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ward was a 1938 graduate of Pulaski High School, where he was recognized as the most outstanding student athlete of his class. After graduation, Mr. Ward pursued his interest in flying by taking flying lessons in Roanoke. In 1942, Mr. Ward started at Roanoke College, where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and continued to pursue his interest in flying by enrolling in the Civilian Pilot program. In 1943, Mr. Ward left Roanoke College to begin cadet training in the Army Air Corp. and on February 8, 1944, after completing his training, Mr. Ward was commissioned as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. In 1944, Mr. Ward was deployed to Italy where he proudly served his country as a fighter pilot in the Mustang group of the 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force Command. In 1945, Mr. Ward was honorably discharged from the military with the rank of First Lt. and was awarded the distinguished flying cross. After leaving the military, Mr. Ward obtained his commercial pilot's license and returned to Roanoke College to complete his Bachelor of Science degree and graduated with a major in chemistry in 1948.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ward enrolled in Washington E. Lee Law School and graduated with a law degree in 1953. After graduation, Mr. Ward worked as a claims adjuster for Allstate Insurance Company. In 1965, Mr. Ward started his law practice and later, in 1979, formed Crush, Moran & Ward with Arthur Crush and Leroy Moran. In 1991, Mr. Ward continued practicing law with his partner James Zadell as Ward & Zadell, P.C. until his retirement in June 1995. Mr. Ward was a member of the American Bar Association and served as Deputy Clerk of the Municipal Court for the City of Roanoke in 1969, and Commonwealth's Attorney in Craig County during 1971.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ward was a "family man" and respected by his peers for his generous, compassionate spirit that valued people above profit. Many who worked closest with him were unaware of his athletic, military and personal achievements. He preferred to share stories about the accomplishments of his beloved family members than to speak of his own.

**WHEREAS**, upon his retirement, Mr. Ward enjoyed spending time with his devoted family until his passing.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ward is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Frances C. Ward, by daughter, the Honorable Jacqueline F. Ward Talevi and her husband Steven, by his son, Stephen F. Ward; by granddaughter Jennifer Anne Talevi and grandson, Christopher Anthony Talevi.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of Mr. Ward, 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 of Roanoke and Craig County, Virginia, 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 Mr. Ward's family to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds Mr. Ward 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 11th day of April, 2006.

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President, Roanoke Bar Association

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Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association