



RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LATE BRUCE E. WELCH

WHEREAS, Bruce E. Welch of Roanoke, a respected public servant and attorney, died September 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Bruce E. Welch is offered to the memory of our Association as a fine lawyer and a good man; and

WHEREAS, Bruce E. Welch was born in Buffalo, New York, son of the late Joseph and Mary Mitchell Welch; Bruce graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law and received a MBA from the University of Southern Mississippi; he served as the past President of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and the Franklin County United Fund, served on the Board of Trustees of the Voice of the Blue Ridge, was a non-commissioned officer in the United States Air Force where he received the Medal of Commendation, served with the Virginia Defense Force and was a member of Cave Spring Baptist Church where he was a member of the Board of Deacons and a gifted Sunday School teacher and was instrumental in the founding and building of the Rebuilders at First Baptist Church; Bruce practiced law in Rocky Mount and, most recently, in Roanoke; and

WHEREAS, Bruce was an avid hunter and fisherman, he was at peace in the mountains and the streams of Virginia; he had an adventurous spirit and went skydiving at the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, his personal life was blessed with a loving wife, Debby Ashworth Welch, son, Chadwick Welch of Herndon, Virginia, and daughter, Chelsea Welch of Baton

Rouge, Louisiana; brothers, Dr. Michael Welch of Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Gary Welch of San Antonio, Texas, and a sister, Cheryl Lineberry of Richmond, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Bruce E. Welch will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving family and his numerous friends for his great sense of humor and generous heart:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of Bruce E. Welch, 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 County of Franklin, Virginia, City and County of Roanoke, 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 his family to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds him 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 10th day of June, 2008.

President, Roanoke Bar Association

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Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association