



A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LATE JOHN M. WILSON, JR.

WHEREAS, John M. Wilson, Jr. passed away at the age of 95 on July 13, 2010 in Roanoke, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, John M. Wilson, Jr. was a long time resident of the City of Roanoke being born on July 8, 1915, the son of John M. Wilson and Ellen Lee Wilson, in their home which was located at the time next to St. John's Episcopal Church in the City of Roanoke. Mr. Wilson was a descendant of two signers of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, John Wilson graduated from Jefferson Senior High School in 1934, from Roanoke College in 1937, and from the University of Virginia School of Law in June, 1940. He was a member of the Virginia Law Review, the Order of the Coif, and Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from law school, he returned to the City of Roanoke, married Elizabeth "Libby" McCormack, and established his practice of law; and

WHEREAS, upon the entry of the United States into World War II, he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 and was commissioned as an Ensign. After basic training he was assigned to the Pacific theatre and during the war he was the commanding officer of a destroyer escort and a patrol boat. At the end of World War II he was honorably discharged with the rank of Lieutenant and returned to Roanoke and resumed his practice as a sole practitioner, later associating with James A. Bear, Esquire; and

WHEREAS, John Wilson was a member of the American Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar, and the Roanoke Bar Association, serving as its president in 1972; and

WHEREAS, John Wilson was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church where he taught Sunday school, was a member of its vestry, and served as its treasurer and as one of its trustees. He was Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop #17 sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, during his career John Wilson was active in civic organizations as a member of the board of the United Way Fund, a member of the Roanoke Businessmen's Club, and a member of the Executive Board of the Blue Ridge Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America, serving as its president for two years. He was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award presented to adult volunteers by the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, during his career John Wilson for many years was a board member and general counsel of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Roanoke. He taught business law classes at National Business College. Mr. Wilson enjoyed reading, traveling, hiking in the mountains of Southwest Virginia, tennis, sailing, and gardening. After his retirement from the practice of law in 1987 he and his wife Libby moved to Sarasota, Florida and lived there until Libby passed away in 2001. He then returned to Roanoke to be close to family, friends and the mountains, and resided here until his death. He is survived by his son, John M. Wilson, III and wife, Mary of Richmond, Virginia; his daughter, Anne Wilson of Roanoke, Virginia; and his granddaughters, Laura Lee Wilson and Nadine Welch Heyman.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Roanoke Bar Association laments the passing of John M. Wilson, Jr. and holds his memory and his contributions to this Association and to the Roanoke Valley in high regard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Circuit Courts of the City and County of Roanoke, the City of Salem, and to the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Roanoke Division, with motions that this resolution be spread of record in the common law order books of those courts, and that copies of this resolution be furnished to the family of John M. Wilson, Jr. to communicate unto them the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds Mr. Wilson and his memory and the association's sorrow at his passing.

Given under the hands of the President and the Secretary of the Roanoke Bar Association and the seal of the Association this 14th day of June, 2011.

Francis H. Casola, President
Roanoke Bar Association

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Thomas H. Miller, Secretary
Roanoke Bar Association