



**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
MEMORIALIZING THE LATE RICHARD CARLYLE RAKES**

WHEREAS, when Mr. Rakes departed this life on Tuesday, the 12th day of December, 2017, the president of the Roanoke Bar Association wished to recognize the achievements of Mr. Rakes.

WHEREAS, Mr. Rakes was born in Roanoke, Virginia, on April 13, 1927, to the late Thomas W. Rakes and Ada Via Rakes.

WHEREAS, Mr. Rakes received his law degree from the University of Richmond School of Law where he was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa prior to his graduation in 1951.

WHEREAS, Mr. Rakes served as a First Lieutenant in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corp. in the 2174th United States Army Garrison until his retirement in 1971 with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

WHEREAS, Mr. Rakes was an esteemed member of the Virginia State Bar Association. He began his law practice with the firm Gentry and Locke and was made partner in 1958, at which time the firm became Gentry, Locke & Rakes. Mr. Rakes retired in 1991 and became a certified mediator for general cases in General District Court and Circuit Court Civil where he volunteered his service for many years. In 2013, Mr. Rakes received the Bo Rogers Lifetime Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, Mr. Rakes was highly regarded by his colleagues in the Roanoke Bar Association for his tenacity and advocacy on behalf of his clients' interests.

WHEREAS, Mr. Rakes served on the board of directors of the Adult Care Center, the Conflict Resolution Center and Children's Trust of Roanoke Valley. He was a long-time member of Greene Memorial United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday School and was active on the Missions Committee, taking numerous mission trips to Mexico and Ecuador, where he practiced his Spanish language skills, and served for many years as the unofficial czar of the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast fund raiser.

WHEREAS, Mr. Rakes is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Jean Rakes; sons, R. Bruce Rakes, Darryl L. Rakes and Alan A. Rakes, his grandchildren, Jordan Rakes and Colin Rakes, and his sister, Carole Field Lacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Roanoke Bar Association does hereby express its deepest sympathy to the family of Richard Carlyle Rakes and recognizes his distinguished career and service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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 the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Roanoke Division, with motions that the resolution be spread upon the common law order books of those courts; and that copies of this resolution be furnished to Richard Carlyle Rakes' family to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds Richard Carlyle Rakes 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 April, 2018.

Kevin W. Holt, Esq.
President, Roanoke Bar Association

TESTE:

Patrick J. Kenney, Esq.
Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association