



### **A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LATE CHARLES DUNSMORE FOX, III**

We remember a dear man and colleague, Charlie Fox.

WHEREAS Charles Dunsmore Fox, III was born on August 25, 1929, in Roanoke, Virginia, the son of the late Charles D. Fox, Jr. and Jacqueline Venable Fox; and

WHEREAS Charlie attended the University of North Carolina (Class of 1951) and the University of Virginia School of Law (Class of 1957) where he was a member of the Law Review and Order of the Coif;

WHEREAS Charlie served in the United States Navy from 1951-1954 where he achieved the rank of Captain, USNR and saw combat in Korea.

WHEREAS Charlie returned to his hometown of Roanoke to practice law in 1957. He was a partner at Hunter Fox & Fox; Hunter Fox & Trabue; and Fox Wooten & Hart in Roanoke from 1957 -1993. Charlie had his own practice until 1998. He was a former General Counsel of the Association of Naval Aviation, and served as a member and officer in the Roanoke Bar Association. Charlie was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Backbone Club, the Naval Reserves and the Torch Club. He was a dedicated supporter of the creation of the Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley.

WHEREAS Charlie leaves behind his wife, Preston, in a Memory Support Center in Hawaii; two sons, Charles D. Fox, IV (Beth) and their children Quent and Elm, Charlottesville; and Frank P. Fox, Madison, Wisconsin and his children, Anna and Sam; and his brother, Carter V. Fox.

WHEREAS Charlie's law practice in Roanoke was primarily focused on business matters, assisting entrepreneurial clients in forming new businesses and expanding older ones. On one or two occasions he volunteered for court appointed criminal defense work and much to the relief of his partners, returned to his civil expertise in the business world.

WHEREAS Charlie served as a distinguished member of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Law School Foundation from 1991- 1998, chaired the Budget and Finance Committee from 1992 – 1998, and was appointed an honorary trustee. His unwavering support of the need for the Law School to buy the Darden School building led to the creation of the beautiful Virginia Law Grounds.

WHEREAS Charlie held an honorary Doctor of Laws from Tusculum College, and he was a longtime trustee of the Warren W. Hobbie Charitable Trust. Through the Hobbie Trust he provided substantial support for the Virginia Law School's library. He and his wife started the Smithfield-Preston Foundation to support the Smithfield Plantation in Blacksburg, Virginia (the Preston family home).

WHEREAS Charlie shared his tithes, time and talent at First Presbyterian Church and many charitable causes throughout Roanoke Valley.

WHEREAS Charlie and Preston relocated to Lahaina, Maui in 1998 where they continued their life of contribution to justice, education and cultural preservation.

WHEREAS Charlie partnered with the Hawaii Community Foundation, helped establish the Lahainaluna High School Foundation and a scholarship program at Lahainaluna High School, made numerous anonymous donations to various programs, helped establish the Friends of Lahainaluna Library and provided insight to legacy and giving and strategic planning with his legal expertise.

WHEREAS Charlie demonstrated a very tender side of his persona in the waning years of his life. According to a family friend in Maui, "Mrs. Fox had Alzheimer's, and he cared for her even as his own health was failing. It was heartbreaking to see him try to save and comfort her. He truly loved her more than life itself." Charlie passed away in Honolulu, Hawaii on February 14, 2014 after a long illness. He was 84. The Fox family was together on Maui for a scattering of the ashes ceremony at Canoe Beach April 11, 2014.

WHEREAS, Charlie truly earned the respect and admiration of his associates, clients, friends and members of the bench and bar throughout his life and career in Roanoke and we deeply miss his presence, guidance, influence and friendship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roanoke Bar Association expresses its deep sympathy to his family, laments the passing of Charles D. Fox, III and holds his memory and his contributions to the bar and the community in the highest regard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Courts of the City and County of Roanoke and the City of Salem, and to the United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Western District of Virginia, with motion that the resolution be spread upon the order books of those Courts; and that copies of this resolution also be furnished to the family of Charles D. Fox, III, to communicate the esteem in which the Roanoke Bar Association holds Charlie 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 9th day of December, 2014.

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Richard C. Maxwell  
President, Roanoke Bar Association

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Hugh B. Wellons  
Secretary, Roanoke Bar Association