

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**  
**for**  
**THOMAS W. SCHLATER, III**

Thomas W. Schlater, III (“Tom”) died on July 26, 2011. He was a second generation lawyer having been the son of Thomas W. Schlater, Jr., who predeceased him in 1938, and about whom the Nashville Bar Association memorialized in a preceding Resolution, as follows:

**He was a man of unswerving convictions. When he put his hand to the plow, he did not look back. In him, there was neither variableness nor shadow of turning from a course that he decided was right. He loved his friends and no sacrifice by him in their behalf was too great. He possessed a keen sense of humor. He was vigorously opposed to any departure from or encroachment upon our democratic form of government.**

Like the father, so was the son. The Schlaters were of pioneer stock and descendants of James Robertson, a founder of Nashville. The fruit does not fall far from the tree.

Tom was a litigator for thirty-five (35) years and started in the days before discovery practice. With no deposition as a weapon for impeachment, he could cross-examine an opposing party or witness with the skill of a surgeon. He loved the courtroom like none other and few lawyers could so charm a jury. He kept his word and would not tolerate those who did not do so.

His meticulousness and attention to detail was never more evident than in his skill as an aviator. Tom, the pilot, always sought the perfect landing which he described as a “greased landing,” one which the airplane occupants could not feel when the plane touched down. The plane was kept in first-rate condition and he never omitted anything on the pre-flight checklist.

Tom followed his father’s footsteps in public service on the bench. He was acclaimed for his punishment of affluent teenage drivers by holding them accountable for their actions, thereby saving lives and teaching their parents about responsibility and discipline. Actions were always right or wrong and he knew the difference.

The law firm of Taylor and Schlater was founded in 1962 by Tom and Robert C. Taylor. Among many others, they represented Baptist Hospital, the Tennessee Bankers Association, the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and Tennessee Farmers Insurance. Much of the property acquired by the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the right-of-way for the interstate highway system in Davidson County was due to the efforts of their firm.

Tom graduated from McCallie School in Chattanooga and Vanderbilt University in Nashville. His files were always in order and his handwriting as neat as he always appeared.

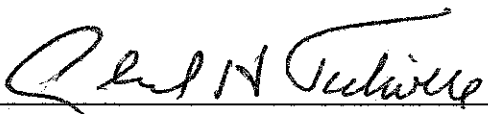
Tom is survived by his daughters Sarah, Amy and Mary Elisabeth (Libs) whom he delighted in teaching to snow and water ski, two of his favorite sports. He is also survived by his wife, Jane. He will be greatly missed by all those fortunate enough to have passed through some part of his full and fulfilling life.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the memory of Thomas W. Schlater, III, be preserved by this Resolution, spread upon the Minutes of the Chancery Court for Davidson County, and that copies thereof be furnished to his family.

This, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

  
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CHANCELLOR

**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**

  
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