

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR WILLIAM G. WOMACK

It is an honor to present this Resolution regarding William G. Womack, a good man and fine lawyer who will be greatly missed by family and friends. I am particularly touched because Bill's life and mine greatly paralleled each other: we both grew up in rural areas, both attended the University of the South at Sewanee, both served with the United States Navy on Destroyer Escorts, and both were in the same law firm at one time.

The lawyer-to-be was born August 14, 1938, on the Gilliam Farm in Pelham, Tennessee, in a house rich in history since its construction in 1828. His early life was that of a farm boy working with the crops, raising cattle and doing chores. It is a solid background for a man.

After graduating from Grundy County High School, he went up the road a few miles to attend the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, graduating in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. His love of history continued all his life.

Bill was always proud of his country and glad to be of service to it. He joined the United States Naval Officer's Program where he was to serve for twenty-seven years, retiring with the rank of Commander. He was assigned to the USS Joseph K. Taussig, a Destroyer Escort, where he served as Communications and Executive Officer. He often wore in civilian life a cap with a picture of a destroyer escort and the descriptive words "Tin Can" on it. He was recognized for his naval service, being the recipient of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Bill and his wife, Carolyn, married in 1964 and they were blessed with three children. They had been married forty-nine years at the time of his death.

Bill had a fine and varied legal career. He practiced law here in Nashville for many years in his own firm. In addition, he served six years as Administrative Law Judge for TOSHA (Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration). He practiced with Farris, Evans & Evans in Nashville for some time.

Bill was a man who could be trusted. As a part of his Naval Active Duty, he selected and appointed the military aides for the two inaugurations of President Ronald Reagan.

He read much history and became recognized for his competence in this area. Growing up in a house built in 1828 may have inspired his interest in history.

Bill was involved in many community projects in Nashville. He was a member of St. Henry's Catholic Church in Nashville. His wife, Carolyn, worked at St. Henry's and mentioned to Bill how difficult it was to cut the grass on the steep sides of the yard. Bill immediately came up with the idea of planting pine trees in the yard. The pine needles would keep the grass down. He helped plant the trees and it worked and nobody has fallen down the steep sides. The pine trees still stand.

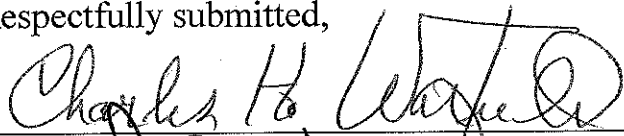
Upon retirement from the Naval Reserve, Bill practiced law from his residence and especially enjoyed helping people in rural areas with problems that required a knowledge of farming. He assisted many people in getting help in the legal process.

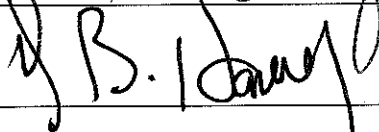
Bill was blessed with a fine family which was the center of his life and included his wife Carolyn, sons John and Bill and daughter Anne, and grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

His life was indeed rich. Farm boy, husband and father, Sewanee graduate, United States Naval Officer, lawyer. He had an active life, being with many different people and helping them. He is an inspiration to his family and his friends. Our world would be better off if we had more Bill Womacks.

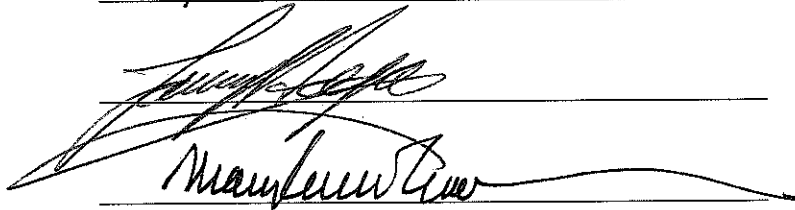
We, the undersigned members of the committee designated to memorialize the life and memory of William Gilliam Womack, respectfully move this Honorable Chancery Court for the Twentieth Judicial District of Tennessee to accept this resolution and to spread it upon the pages of the *In Memoriam* book kept for that purpose, to the end that the memory of our friend and colleague will forever be perpetuated in the permanent record of the profession he served so long and so well.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chancellor