

## **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR**

### **SAM E. WALLACE, SR.**

**WHEREAS**, on October 6, 2001, Sam E. Wallace, Sr. ended his earthly walk and lost a long battle with cancer, one of the few battles in his long 43 year career as an attorney which he did not win, and;

**WHEREAS**, Sam E. Wallace, Sr. was a native Nashvillian, being born here 29 August 1928, the son of Lacy Monroe Wallace and his wife, Eralee Hickerson, and;

**WHEREAS**, he attended the University of Mississippi at Oxford, graduated from George Peabody College with a BA degree and earned an LLB from Cumberland University Law School in Lebanon, Tennessee, where he later served several terms on the Board of Trustees, and;

**WHEREAS**, he served four years with distinction in the United States Air Force as a flight engineer during the Korean War, and;

**WHEREAS**, he was a member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Monroe Street United Methodist Church in his beloved North Nashville for many years and chaired the annual "Oktoberfest," an event to benefit his church and its next-door-neighbor, the Assumption Catholic Church, and;

**WHEREAS**, he was past "Worshipful Master" of Buena Vista Lodge No. 639 of the Masonic Lodge, and;

**WHEREAS**, he was a past President of the Bordeaux Civic Club, coach of several community baseball teams, as well as coach of the Ladies Softball Team for the Davidson County Criminal Court Clerk's Office and recipient of the Boy Scouts of America's Long Rifle Award for his many years service with that organization, and

**WHEREAS**, he was a lifelong member of the Democratic Party, being elected for many

years to the Davidson County Executive Committee of that party and serving as Chairman of the Davidson County Election Commission, and;

**WHEREAS**, he was elected as a delegate to the 1971 Tennessee Constitutional Convention and ran unsuccessfully for Juvenile Court Judge in 1958, District Attorney in 1974 and the Davidson County Criminal Court in 1982, and;

**WHEREAS**, he practiced 43 years as a trial attorney beginning in 1958 when he opened a law office in the Stahlman Building, where he maintained his office until 1994 when he located a short distance away down the hill on Second Avenue remaining there until his retirement in March 2001 where he was in practice with his son, Sam E. Wallace, Jr., and;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 1949 he married his high school sweetheart, Jean Medley, and to their union of 52 years were born five children: Sam E. Wallace, Jr., Bob Wallace, Mick Wallace, Beth Deweese and Elaine Goad, and in addition to these, he leaves to celebrate his life and mourn his passing eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way, and;

**WHEREAS**, he was a faithful member of the Stahlman Restaurant Roundtable, on whose hat rack his hat would be punctually placed each morning he was in town at 8:21 a.m. sharp, and;

**WHEREAS**, he remained faithful to the duties of husband, father, patriot, lawyer, public servant, fraternal brother, mentor and friend to a host of persons great and small, and;

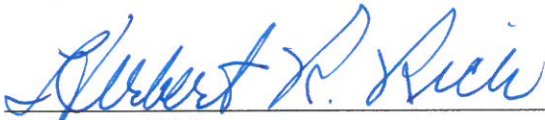
**WHEREAS**, he was in his bearing tall and erect, in his person elegant and dignified, soft of speech, poised and learned, an accomplished counselor, an engaging raconteur telling of heroes of his proud heritage as a Scotsman, a Southerner and a "Yellow Dog Democrat," not to mention his tales of military service and innumerable courtroom battles.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that in the passing of Sam E. Wallace, Sr. many friends and family have lost a valiant champion and a steadfast friend; and that the undersigned committee makes


motion that the Honorable Chancery Court accept these resolutions as a permanent memorial to the life of Sam E. Wallace, Sr. deceased and order them enrolled upon the permanent In Memoriam books kept for that purpose in the Office of the Clerk and Master of Davidson County, Tennessee at Nashville.


This 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.

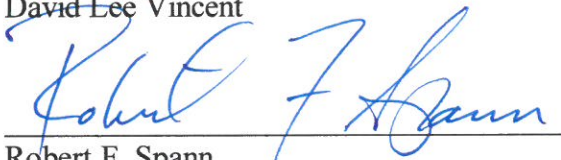
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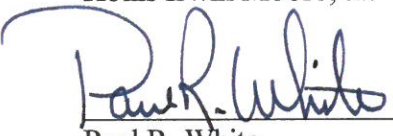
  
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