

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY
OF THE LATE
WILLIAM HUME BARR

Born in Nashville, Tennessee
January 14, 1941

Admitted to Practice
Before the Supreme Court of Tennessee 1965

Died at Nashville, Tennessee
December 16, 1998

Born January 14, 1941 in Nashville, Tennessee, the fourth child of Thomas Calhoun and Gladys Hutchison Barr, William Hume Barr was named for one of the earliest Scot ministers to come to Middle Tennessee, William Hume. Bill's father was the founding pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church, where Bill spent his entire childhood along with his brother, Dr. Thomas C. Barr, Jr., and sisters, Ann Barr Weems and Jane B. Stumpf. Bill's father was the pastor of the church where this resolution is being offered, then known as First Presbyterian, before moving to found Trinity Presbyterian in the 1940s.

In 1958, Bill graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy, where he was an outstanding scholar and athlete. He attended Tulane University on a football scholarship and was graduated in 1962. He then entered Vanderbilt Law School and received his law degree in 1965. At Vanderbilt, he was an editor of the Law Review and a member of the National Moot Court Team. Upon graduation from Vanderbilt, Bill accepted a position in the legal department of the Federal Trade

Commission in Washington, D.C. for a year, and then returned to Nashville to begin the practice of law, with the firm of Hooker, Hooker & Willis.

Bill was blessed with a first-rate mind and the courage to use it. He was never accused of lacking in confidence or having anything other than a finely honed sense of self-worth. Shortly after returning to Nashville, and only three years out of law school, Bill prepared the prospectus and other offering memoranda for several public companies that went to market in the late 1960s and the early 1970s. If preparing documents that would be scrutinized by the Securities and Exchange Commission, other securities lawyers and potentially angry and litigious shareholders did not serve to intimidate Bill, the advent of a new real estate concept known as a Horizontal Property Regime certainly caused no fear. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Bill prepared the first master deeds for condominium developments in Nashville, Davidson County. While guided by the statute to a limited extent, the details of the master deeds and bylaws and the protections he drafted to protect the interests of the unit holders were not. In addition to Bill's skills as a business and transactional lawyer, he was also an excellent trial lawyer. Not just a commercial litigator, he participated, for example, in representing the small school districts in their successful endeavors to level the funding for the state school systems.

While engaged in his early legal efforts, Bill was also an entrepreneur; owning an enterprise known as the Pelican Pipe Shop located in Hundred Oaks Mall. In the middle 1970s, Bill turned his interest and energies to the operation of

his beloved La Belle Vie Farm in Williamson County. In the early years he raised cattle, and over time raised a variety of crops.

He was a founding partner of Harwell, Barr, Martin & Sloan in 1975 and retired in 1994 from Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell. Bill was a member of the Harry Phillips American Inn of Court and was a Fellow of the Nashville Bar Association. For the two years prior to his death on December 16, 1998, he raised herbs on his farm where he'd resided since 1975. Bill's ability to fund his early retirement was the subject of an article in *Money Magazine*, which was on the newsstands at the time of his death. Despite his many accomplishments and achievements over the years, Bill was heard to observe that the years of retirement and drawing a livelihood from his land were the happiest of his life.

Bill's desire to live life to its fullest was reflected in his interest in sailing, a hobby he pursued throughout his adult life. He returned from one spring cruise in 1975 with a beard, then black, which became white but remained with him for the next 23 years.

Bill was possessed of a powerful personality and he brought this force to bear in everything he did. In representing his clients, his tenacity was, upon occasion, seen as pugnacity. His intensity was likened to fierceness. If he saw himself as having firmly held convictions, others may have seen him as opinionated. While passionate in advocating the interests of his clients, Bill could certainly stir the passions of his adversaries.

More importantly, Bill brought this power and energy to his love of life, his love for his family, his Lord and the law. We will miss his hearty, full-throated laugh and ever present sense of humor.

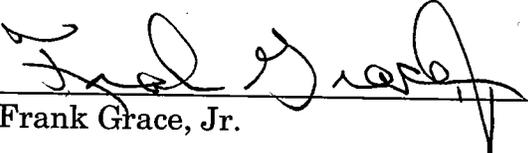
Bill was taken from us too soon late last year, but he lived long enough to see his Montgomery Bell Academy team again win the state football championship in its division, and to see his Tulane Green Wave go undefeated. In a final triumphant and poignant scene, he sat in a wheelchair on a cold night last December at the south end of the Vanderbilt stadium with oxygen assisting his breathing, and watched as his grandson, a member of the Murfreesboro Oakland High School football team, ran the length of the field toward Bill, helmet held high in salute, as Oakland celebrated its state championship. He was enjoying the last that life had left for him.

Bill was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Franklin where he was an elder, a Sunday school teacher and at various times Clerk of Session. The educational wing of the church is named for Bill and his wife Wanda in recognition of their tremendous contributions and devotion to that congregation over the years. Bill and Wanda were the proud parents of four children, Jamie, Jerry, Chris and Robin, and eight grandchildren.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that this Resolution be adopted at this assembly of the Nashville Bar Association and be spread upon the minutes of the Memorial Book of our Association.

November 18, 1999

Respectfully submitted,



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