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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5018

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*Celebrating the life of Frank W. Rogers, Jr.*

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WHEREAS, Frank W. Rogers, Jr., of the City of Roanoke, an esteemed attorney for over 50 years, died on July 11, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Frank W. Rogers, Jr., was affectionately called "Bo," in part to denote his close relationship with his twin brother Robert, who was known as "Bob"; and

WHEREAS, while growing up and throughout their adult lives, Bo and Bob Rogers were nearly inseparable and aspired to similar ideals and goals in life; and

WHEREAS, in their childhood, Bo Rogers and his siblings spent numerous hours on Saturdays playing in their father's law office, observing his passion and diligence for the law; consequently, the Rogers children were likewise inspired to make a difference in their community; and

WHEREAS, Bo Rogers, along with his brother Bob, attended Episcopal High School in Alexandria, received their undergraduate degrees from Princeton University, and their law degrees from the University of Virginia School of Law; after deciding to specialize in tax law, Bo earned a master's degree from the Georgetown University Law Center; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his degrees, Bo Rogers honorably served his country with the Judge Advocate General's Corps in the United States Army and was discharged in 1958 as a captain; and

WHEREAS, returning to Roanoke in 1960, Bo Rogers and his brother Bob joined the prominent law firm that his father helped to found (now Woods Rogers PLC); Bo became the senior member of the law firm's tax group; and

WHEREAS, during a long and prestigious career, Bo Rogers was selected for inclusion in both *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite; and

WHEREAS, throughout a life of significant professional achievement as a practicing attorney for over 50 years, Bo Rogers served his fellow citizens with uncommon dedication; and

WHEREAS, committed to improving the quality of life for all of the citizens of the Commonwealth, Bo Rogers gave his time and considerable expertise to numerous civic organizations, serving as president of the Roanoke Bar Association and as a member of the boards of Hollins University, Episcopal High School, the YMCA, the Roanoke Symphony Society, and the Virginia Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Bo Rogers was a faithful member of St. John's Episcopal Church and served as a member of the vestry and as a junior warden; and

WHEREAS, Bo Rogers had an extraordinary zest for life, a remarkable gift for instantly making everyone he met feel at ease, and will be fondly remembered for his immense generosity and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Bo Rogers will be sorely missed by his devoted wife of 50 years, Laurine Kunkel Rogers, his son and two daughters, his four wonderful grandchildren, other loving family members, numerous friends and colleagues, and the parishioners of St. John's Episcopal Church; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the loss of an exceptional attorney and outstanding Virginian, Frank W. Rogers, Jr.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Frank W. Rogers, Jr., as an expression of the respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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