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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

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Celebrating the life of William Andrew Dickinson.

Patrons—Edwards; Delegate: Ware, O.

WHEREAS, William Andrew Dickinson of Roanoke, a respected citizen and outstanding attorney in the Roanoke Valley for nearly 50 years, died on August 26, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a native of Roanoke, William "Billy" Dickinson was the son of the late Shirley Hart and George N. Dickinson; and

WHEREAS, Billy Dickinson attended Jefferson High School, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia, earned a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, and married the late Nancy McQuown Ring; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1941, Billy Dickinson served as law clerk to the late Justice Herbert B. Gregory of the Supreme Court of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, when World War II commenced, Billy Dickinson honorably served his country in the South Pacific as a lieutenant in the United States Navy through 1945; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Billy Dickinson returned home to practice law, and he became a senior member of the law firm of Hazlegrove, Shackelford and Carr, specializing in banking and securities law; and

WHEREAS, a vastly experienced attorney with a keen legal mind, Billy Dickinson continued to serve the citizens of Roanoke, when his firm merged in 1985 with what is now Woods Rogers, PLC, where he practiced law until his retirement in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Billy Dickinson was committed to the well-being of the Roanoke Valley and gave his time and many talents to his community and his profession, including as district president of the Roanoke Rotary Club; board member of Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Dominion Bankshares, the Shenandoah Club, and the Roanoke Country Club; and member of the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners; and

WHEREAS, Billy Dickinson was a faithful member of Saint John's Episcopal Church and was active in the church's many missions in the community; and

WHEREAS, Billy loved sports, and fierce competition even more, and was an avid handball and tennis player, as well as enjoyed surf fishing, skiing, bird hunting, and his favorite pastime, golf, which he played regularly during his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Billy Dickinson will be fondly remembered for his immense kindness and good humor and greatly missed by his loving family, including his devoted wife Barbara; his sons Andrew and Michael, daughter Dellie, four grandchildren, and all of their wonderful families; his five step-children Robert, Christopher, Anne, Scott, Hilary, 15 step-grandchildren, and all of their wonderful families; and his numerous friends and admirers in the Roanoke Valley; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine attorney and outstanding Virginian, William Andrew Dickinson; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of William Andrew Dickinson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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