

# Resolution of the Atlanta Bar Association in honor of Rob Wellon

**Whereas**, Robert G. Wellon, Esquire recently completed six years of service as a delegate from this Association to the American Bar Association;

**Whereas**, those six years, together with earlier service that culminated in 1986 with his presidency, total fourteen years of service on the Board of Directors of this Association;

**Whereas**, those fourteen years represent only a portion of Rob's service to this Association, which began three years after his admission to the Georgia Bar, when he chaired this Association's 1977 Law Day Committee;

**Whereas**, Rob's service to this Association represents only a portion of his service to the profession and to the community;

**Whereas**, Rob's service to this Association, to the profession, and to the community has been remarkable for his enduring commitments and lasting contributions – contributions that have created opportunities for others to serve;

**Whereas**, Rob has made his contributions in cooperation with others and often uses self-deprecating humor to deflect credit from himself; but again and again he was present at the creation of new and worthwhile programs and organizations;

**Whereas**, Rob was a founding chair of the Litigation Section of this Association, which now has approximately 2000 members; helped found the Sole Practitioner/Small Firm Section of this Association, which honored him by making him a lifetime member of its Board of Directors; was a member of the first Board of Directors of the Atlanta Bar Foundation in 1985 and has served on that board ever since; was the principle founder and first president of the Charles L. Weltner Family Law Inn of Court, of which he remains a Master; and, as a member of the Professionalism Committee of the State Bar of Georgia, on which he has served for more than twelve years, helped create the Law School Orientations on Professionalism, which have become permanent features of the first year orientation programs at all four of Georgia's accredited law schools;

**Whereas**, Rob serves his church, Northside United Methodist Church, in numerous capacities, including as a certified Stephen minister;

**Whereas**, Rob has been an adjunct faculty member of the Emory University School of Law since 1995 and was a member of the faculty of the Atlanta Law School from 1981 to 1994;

**Whereas**, Rob is a loving and devoted husband to Jan Wellon, father to Robert Wellon and Alice Wellon MacLellan, and grandfather to Parks Montgomery Wellon;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Bar Association, on the occasion of Rob's retirement from their number, expresses the appreciation of all current and past members of the Association for the distinguished and unselfish service Robert G. Wellon has rendered – and continues to render – to this Association, to the legal profession, and to the community.

So Resolved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2006.

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Elizabeth A. Price, President

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Shayna M. Steinfeld, Secretary

