

# RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR RAYMOND HARDY (RAY) DUKE

Raymond Hardy Duke served faithfully as a BGAV parliamentarian until he went to be with his Lord on December 2, 2020. As parliamentarian, he along with his fellow parliamentarians, provided guidance to the officers and messengers of the BGAV on matters related to interpretation and application of the BGAV constitution and bylaws as well as to procedural issues during BGAV meetings.

Whereas, Ray's experience and knowledge in the area of parliamentary law led to his serving as Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians President (2013-2015); Virginia Alpha Unit of Parliamentarians President; Golden Gavel Unit of Parliamentarians (Virginia Beach) President; and Virginia Peninsula Unit of Parliamentarians President; in addition to his service as Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) Parliamentarian.

Whereas, Ray's Christian commitment was demonstrated as a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Newport News, Virginia where he served as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Choir member, and as Parliamentarian since 1998.

Whereas, Ray's leadership and civic-minded service was demonstrated by serving his country for 20 years in the United States Air Force retiring in 1975 as a Senior Master Sergeant; also, by serving as a Master Mason of the Grand Lodge in Virginia and as a member of (Newport News Host) Lions Club for almost 50 years.

Whereas, Ray's devotion to his loving wife of 25 years, Barbara Duncan Duke as well as his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren leaves a legacy of great significance and absence within his family circle.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that we, the elected members of the Baptist General Association of Virginia Executive Board at a meeting, May 26, 2022, offer our appreciation for the life and ministry of Raymond Hardy (Ray) Duke, and we pledge our future prayers for Barbara and Ray's family as they cherish his memory and move forward with God's comfort and peace, and

Be It Further Resolved, that we ask the messengers of the Annual Meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia on November 15, 2022, in Hampton Virginia to offer our gratitude for the ministry of Raymond Hardy (Ray) Duke.