
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR ROD MILLER

Rodney Brian Miller, lovingly known to Virginia Baptists as “Rod”, retired March 31, 2024, as Camp Director of Eagle Eyrie Camp and Conference Center.

Whereas, Rod is a native of Parkersburg, West Virginia, a graduate of Liberty University with a bachelor’s degree in Pastoral Ministry and a Master of Divinity, and achieved the professional standing of Certified Conference Center Professional in the International Association of Conference Center Administrators, and

Whereas, Rod’s first job at Eagle Eyrie was as a part-time position to weed-eat the waste-water plant, which led to becoming a lodge inspector, set-up and sound technician, and eventually working in the retail shops. Four years later, Rod became a full-time employee in various roles – Director of Guest Services, Assistant to the Director, and Assistant, and

Whereas, Eagle Eyrie’s impact on Rod’s life was profound, especially when he met Laura, the Head Lifeguard, in the summer of 1993. He and Laura would marry, and they would have two sons, Tyler and Jackson, and

Whereas, Eagle Eyrie was a second home to the Miller family, especially Tyler and Jackson, who would eventually work 6+ years at Eagle Eyrie. The family fully invested in Eagle Eyrie, and the Eagle Eyrie family and community invested in the family, especially when Laura tragically died in 2001, and

Whereas, Eagle Eyrie was Rod’s life’s calling for nearly 35 years, culminating in his 21-year tenure as Camp Director, where he oversaw the complete renovation of the Cedar Crest Hotel, the construction of a brand new swimming pool, renovations to English Hall, and the upkeep and care of over 400 acres on top of a mountain, and

Whereas, Henri Nowen said, “Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer space where change can take place,” there is no better description of Rod and the leadership he provided Eagle Eyrie in serving over 700,000 guests during his 35 year tenure, and

Whereas, Rod’s family grew in January 2019, when he married Rhonda on a snowy day at Eagle Eyrie, and together they have 6 children and 6 grandchildren.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that we, the members of the Baptist General Association of Virginia Executive Board meeting on October 3, 2024, express our appreciation to Rod Miller for his exemplary leadership at Eagle Eyrie. We pledge our prayerful support to him, Rhonda, their children and grandchildren as they enjoy the next chapter of their lives.

Be it Further Resolved, that we ask the messengers at the Annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia on November 12, 2024, in Alexandria, Virginia to express on behalf of all Virginia Baptists our gratitude to God and our deepest appreciation for the contributions for Rod Miller.