



***Resolution in Memory of Malcolm Wellington "Mac" Bates  
(December 12, 1946 – March 15, 2024)***

***WHEREAS, Rotary International is one of the world's largest, oldest and leading service organizations with 1.4 million members and more than 46,000 clubs across the globe. THE Rotary Club of Richmond, chartered in 1913, was the first in Virginia and sixty-ninth in the world, and***

***WHEREAS, Mac was a proud 1965 St. Christopher's and 1969 VPI Graduate. In 1971 Mac assumed the professional reins of his Dad and became President/Vice Chairman of Harrison and Bates, Inc. founded by his Grandfather. He served as National President of The Institute of Real Estate Management, and President/Board Member of Goodwill Industries of Richmond, and***

***WHEREAS, Mac followed in the footsteps of his Dad, John (Jack) W. Bates, Jr., Club President 1967-1968. Mac served as President of The Rotary Club of Richmond 1992-1993 with his Dad officiating his oath of office – a first for our Club. Mac embodied the Rotary International Theme of his tenure, Real Happiness is Helping Others, throughout his nearly 50 years of service and similar record of perfect attendance. He was a diligent, well-respected Club Treasurer for many years. He was driven by details, meticulous in maintaining the books and adhering to the rules of Rotary and The 4-Way Test. His quiet demeanor and engaging smile could transform to a serious gaze when conducting business. He had a great sense of humor and especially enjoyed the camaraderie of club members while working together on Rotary Projects such as RoBikes, Project W.A.R.M., Project HOMES Ramp Building, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Christmas in April and any that involved physical strength. During his term, the main fundraising project was The Rosie Grier Youth Pavilion. The former professional football player came from Los Angeles to accept the check. Others were The Alzheimer's Foundation and John Marshall High School, and***

***WHEREAS, Mac was a loyal member, Vestryman and Sunday School Teacher at St. Stephen's Church. He loved music and had a reputation for singing loudly, even during services. Water fashioned him, having spent his youth by the James River where he fished, motored his Jon boat and made precious memories of his fun boyhood adventures. An avid cyclist, in 1987 he rode 60 miles in severe weather to Williamsburg to support Rotary's Polio Plus with a check for \$22,500. He cheered for his Virginia Tech Hokies and the Washington Redskins. Equal to none, however, were beach time with his beloved Isabel and family, and cheerleading his grandchildren at their activities;***

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Rotary Club of Richmond that Malcolm Wellington "Mac" Bates be remembered as a man of honorable character, commitment, dependability, loyalty and a stellar example of "Service Above Self";***

***RESOLVED FURTHER AND FINALLY, that the Club President present this Resolution to the Bates Family with deepest sympathy, sharing their loss of such a devoted, kind gentleman – giving thanks for his friendship and the indelible imprint Mac made on us and those we serve; that this be included in the permanent record of THE Rotary Club of Richmond this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2024.***

***John White, President 2023-2024***