

Proclamation



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WHEREAS,

Roy William “Bill” Ide, III served as President of the American Bar Association from 1993-1994, served on the American Bar Association’s Board of Governors from 1987-1990, and in the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates for 12 years as an Assembly delegate, and was the Vice Chair of the American Bar Association’s Task Force for American Democracy; and



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WHEREAS,

Bill earned his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, following in the footsteps of his great-great grandfather who was a former law partner of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois; he began his legal career clerking for Judge Griffin Bell at the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit during the Civil Rights Movement; and



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WHEREAS,

Bill entered private practice in Atlanta where he focused on corporate law, public finance and governance, helping businesses and institutions navigate legal and ethical challenges; and



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WHEREAS,

as a young lawyer, Bill was one of the founders of Georgia Legal Services, which focused his interest on expanding access to justice; his leadership strengthened ABA’s commitment to legal ethics and responsibility, ensuring lawyers prioritized public service over financial gain; and



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WHEREAS,

Bill traveled to the former Soviet Union with Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor to establish the rule of law in emerging democracies; he was also a founding member of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, served as Counsel to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, served as a senior fellow and co-founder of Emory University’s Director’s Institute, and the Board of Trustees for Clark Atlanta University;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Roy William Ide, III for a life of integrity and advocacy for judicial independence and access to justice for all, and does hereby proclaim Thursday, September 11, 2025, as “**ROY WILLIAM BILL IDE, III REMEMBRANCE DAY**” in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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