

**RECOMMENDATION V:  
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR RICHARD L. BIDWELL**



We honor Dick Bidwell for more than a quarter-century of selfless and skilled volunteer service as parliamentarian and in other roles in the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Whereas, a Virginia Tech graduate in mechanical engineering and an Air Force officer assigned as a division engineer (1954-1956), Dick joined Reynolds Metal and worked in a variety of engineering roles, including Director of Energy Resources. His final responsibility in his more than forty year work span at Reynolds was Director of Contracts and Regulations (1987-1993). Dick retired on June 1, 1993, but he continued to consult for Reynolds Metals/Alcoa until June 1, 2000. As a recognition of his proven competency, Dick qualified as a Licensed Professional Engineer on both national and state levels. An extremely involved member of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, Dick served on the Society's Board and on many of its key committees, culminating his service as the Society's president (1992-1993).

Whereas, an active and faithful member at Bon Air Baptist Church in Richmond for a half century, Dick served there in a myriad of roles, including moderator, parliamentarian, and facilities manager. Additionally, he provided top-level leadership in Richmond Baptist Association, including as parliamentarian.

Whereas, for the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, Dick filled an array of roles on the elected Board (1996-2002, 2003-2009). He chaired the Budget Committee (1976-1977) and served on multiple Constitution and Bylaws Committees. In his parliamentary duties, Dick has ruled on difficult issues with calm fairness, creating confidence in the decision-making process. He also served a term as a trustee for the Baptist Extension Board. Importantly, Dick generously donated his expertise as he drafted and reviewed major contracts and agreements for the Executive Office across many years.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that we, the elected members of the Baptist General Association of Virginia Executive Board meeting on October 11, 2016, convey our deep appreciation to Dick Bidwell for his tireless contributions to Virginia Baptists, and we pledge our prayers to Dick and his family, and

Be It Further Resolved, that we ask the messengers of the Annual Meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia on November 15, 2016, in Roanoke, Virginia, to extend our thanks to God for the life and gifts of Dick Bidwell.