

## REPLACEMENT OF HIGHWAY HISTORICAL MARKER

In 1929, the state Highway Department placed an historical marker about the University of Virginia on Fontaine Avenue, then the principal entry to Charlottesville from the south. The marker was at that time the only such marker which mentioned the University. At some point, perhaps in the last ten years or so - though no one is really certain when - the marker disappeared. The Rector informed the state Department of Historic Resources of this in 2000.

The Department of Historic Resources and the Virginia Department of Transportation have received federal money to replace missing, damaged and outdated historical markers, which would include the disappeared University marker. The Board of Historic Resources, the body which rules on such things, is meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and the Department of Historic Resources would like to present to them a proposed text for approval. The replacement marker would be put on the Central Grounds and not at a peripheral location such as Fontaine Avenue.

The Board of Visitors several years ago adopted a policy by which the Buildings and Grounds Committee must approve historical markers to be placed on the Grounds, and then forward its recommendation to the full Board for final approval.

The proposed text, which is a modification of the 1929 text, is as follows:

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The President will propose the following resolution, to be adopted by the Buildings and Grounds Committee and recommended to the full Board for approval:

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WHEREAS, the state Highway Department in 1929 placed an historical marker commemorating the University of Virginia on Fontaine Avenue, at the southern edge of Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS, the marker is missing; and

WHEREAS, the state Department of Historic Resources and the Virginia Department of Transportation wish to put a replacement marker on the Grounds of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors must approve all such markers and plaques placed on the University Grounds;

RESOLVED that the Board of Visitors approves the text and the placement of an appropriate historical marker on the University Grounds. The approved text for the marker is appended as an attachment to this Resolution.

## ATTACHMENT

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