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IN MEMORY OF

DWIGHT M. BROWN

OCT 29 1998

DEPUTY CLERK

THE UNDERSIGNED, BY APPOINTMENT OF THE SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION, SUBMIT THIS MEMORIAL TO THE MEMORY OF DWIGHT M. BROWN, A MEMBER OF THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION FOR MORE THAN FORTY YEARS, WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON JUNE 8, 1998 AT THE AGE OF 97 YEARS. HE WAS BORN NEAR GRAND CANE IN DESOTO PARISH ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1900 - A LONG TIME AGO TO US MORTALS. SO, HE WAS WELL ABLE TO OBSERVE SO MANY CHANGES IN THE WAY WE NOW LIVE. THE MANY NEW INVENTIONS AND CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY NOW A PART OF OUR EVERYDAY LIVES. HE SAW TOO THE CHANGING VIEW WE HOLD FOR OUR NATIVE LAND -OVER THE REACH OF NEARLY A CENTURY THAT HIS LIFE SPANNED.

WHEN HE WAS BUT 13 YEARS OF AGE HE INJURED HIS HEEL FROM WHICH HE SOON THEREAFTER DEVELOPED OSTEOMYELITIS. IT WAS NECESSARY THAT A DOCTOR AMPUTATE HIS LEG BELOW THE KNEE. MANY OF YOU WHO KNEW MR. BROWN PROBABLY NEVER REALIZED HE HAD SUCH AN INCAPACITY FOR IT NEVER SLOWED HIM DOWN. THAT INJURY RESULTED IN HIS FIRST GAINING AN INTEREST IN AMATEUR, OR AS WE KNOW IT HAM RADIO, WHICH INTEREST HE FOLLOWED UNTIL HIS DEATH. HE WAS LATER LICENSED BY THE FCC IN MARCH 1928 BY THE EARLY CALL SIGN OF WSABA WHICH CALL SIGN HE HELD UNTIL HIS DEATH OVER 70 YEARS LATER. YOU SEE THE FIRST LICENSING WAS DONE BY EACH STATE SINCE IT WAS THOUGHT IN THOSE EARLY YEARS THAT A RADIO SIGNAL WOULD NOT CARRY ACROSS THE STATE LINE.

IN THE LATE 1920'S AND EARLY 1930'S HE USED HIS HAM RADIO TO HELP U.S. MARINES IN NICARAGUA COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR FAMILIES HERE IN THE U.S. ALSO IN 1934 DURING A HURRICANE WHICH SWEEPED THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY HE WAS LIVING AT KINGSVILLE, TEXAS. WHEN THE STORM HIT CORPUS CHRISTI, HE FIRED UP HIS TRANSMITTER WHERE HE MADE CONTACT WITH THE HOUSTON POLICE RADIO AND SEVERAL OTHER RADIO OPERATORS IN THE VICINITY. THEY PASSED

STORM DAMAGE INFORMATION AND METEOROLOGICAL DATA UNTIL ALL WAS SECURED. IT IS NOW CALLED HEALTH AND WELFARE. IN 1930 HE HAD ALSO SECURED A RADIO ENGINEERS LICENSE AND HAD BUILT RADIO RECEIVERS EVEN BEFORE THAT TIME. SO IT CAN TRULY BE SAID HE WAS A PIONEER IN RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.

WHILE IN KINGSVILLE HE STUDIED AND PASSED THE CPA EXAM IN 1932. IN 1937 HE MOVED TO SHREVEPORT WITH HIS FAMILY WHERE HE PRACTICED ACCOUNTING CONTINUOUSLY UNTIL HE RETIRED LESS THAN TEN YEARS AGO. BUT THAT ISN'T THE END OF THE STORY BECAUSE IN THE THE 1950'S HE "READ THE LAW" UNDER THE TUTELAGE OF AN ATTORNEY. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW WAS PERMITTED IN THOSE DAYS. HE TOOK AND PASSED THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR EXAM IN 1956. AT THAT TIME THE BAR EXAM WAS A STRAIGHT THREE DAY ORDEAL. ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THOSE TAKING THE BAR EXAM WOULD PASS. SO MR. BROWN DEVELOPED THE UNIQUE ABILITY TO PRACTICE LAW AND ACCOUNTING TOGETHER WHICH WAS QUITE AN ASSET. HE HELPED MANY PEOPLE WITH THEIR IRS PROBLEMS AND ASSISTED MANY OTHERS WITH THEIR OIL AND GAS PROBLEMS, IN THE GENERAL PRACTICE HE DEVELOPED.

IT OUGHT TO BE NOTED THAT MR. BROWN WAS NEVER A YOUNG TALENTED ASPIRANT FOR POLITICAL DISTINCTION AS SO MANY NEWLY MADE LAWYERS BECOME, BUT RATHER HE WAS MORE INTENT ON BEING A GOOD HUSBAND, FATHER AND AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HIS CHURCH. HIS IDEA WAS TO HELP HIS FELLOW MAN AND THOSE IN NEED. HE WAS A QUIET MAN, CAUTIOUS IN HIS LANGUAGE AND SERIOUS OF MIND. HIS LONG LIFE HAD TAUGHT HIM MUCH. HE HAD SEEN AND KNOWN HARD TIMES BUT WITHOUT COMPLAINING. HE SAW THE CHASE AFTER THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR AS SUBORDINATING PATRIOTISM, AND LOVE OF OUR COUNTRY. HIS PHILOSOPHY CAN BE SUMMED UP IN A FEW SHORT WORDS. HE BELIEVED IN HIS GOD, HIS COUNTRY, HIS FAMILY AND HIS NEIGHBORS.

IN ADDITION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR AND OTHER LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATIONS HE WAS A 32 DEGREE MASON, A MEMBER OF THE SCOTTISH RITE AND OF EL KARUBAH SHIRINE. SOME OF YOU - AS KIWANIS - KNOW HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE KIWANIS WHERE HE WAS RECOGNIZED FOR A PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR FIFTY YEARS STRAIGHT. HE WAS A MEMBER OF

AND A DEACON OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AND OF THE BROADMOOR BAPTIST CHURCH
ALTOGETHER FOR 57 YEARS.

HE WAS MARRIED TO SARAH B. BROWN IN AUGUST 1922 WHICH MARRIAGE LASTED 75 YEARS. SHE
DIED IN AUGUST 1997. HE IS SURVIVED BY A DAUGHTER SARA BROWN JORDAN AND HER HUSBAND
CARL JORDAN OF DALLAS, TEXAS; ANOTHER DAUGHTER, KATHERINE BROWN WILDER AND HER
HUSBAND DR. WILLIAM W. WILDER OF GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE ; AND BY ONE SON DWIGHT M.
BROWN, JR. AND HIS WIFE SHERYL BROWN. HE ALSO HAD SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND ELEVEN
GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THREE SISTERS SURVIVED HIM AS WELL.

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT WE EXTEND TO HIS FAMILY THE SYMPATHY OF EACH MEMBER
OF OUR ASSOCIATION IN THEIR LOSS, AND THAT A COPY OF THIS MEMORIAL BE PLACED UPON THE
MINUTES OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT ALSO THAT A COPY BE DELIVERED TO THE FAMILY
OF DWIGHT M. BROWN.

THUS DONE FOR THE SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION THIS 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.


JUDGE GAYLE K. HAMILTON, RETIRED