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RESOLUTION IN MEMORY

OF

JOHN A. B. SMITH

ADOPTED AT THE

MEMORIAL SERVICES

OF THE

SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

HELD IN THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT

CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

ON

SEPTEMBER 2, 1969

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JOHN A. B. SMITH

John A. B. Smith, known to most of his contemporaries as "Jab" Smith, was born near Dadeville, Alabama on April 1, 1898, the son of William Benjamin Smith and Henrietta Horsley Smith. He moved with his family as a child to El Dorado, Arkansas, where he attended public schools and later the University of Arkansas.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Smith moved to Shreveport in 1924 with Dun and Bradstreet. He remained a resident the remainder of his life.

On June 6, 1925, he and Avanelle Dalby were married in Texarkana, Texas. Of this union, one child was born, Alicia Ann Smith Leggitt, wife of Julian B. Leggitt, Sr. of Shreveport. Their son, Julian B. Leggitt, Jr., is Mr. Smith's only grandchild.

In 1929, Mr. Smith, along with several prominent Shreveport Wholesale Merchants, founded Shreveport Wholesale Credit Men's Association, Inc., of which he remained the manager and secretary-treasurer until his retirement a short time ago.

Widely known and respected in credit circles, "Jab" Smith was a man of strong convictions, a person who believed that a man's word was truly his bond, an energetic man who feared no other man, whether lowly or mighty. He was at the same time a man of understanding and deep compassion, whose many acts of kindness and assistance to those who needed a friend will long be remembered by those who were the beneficiaries of those acts.

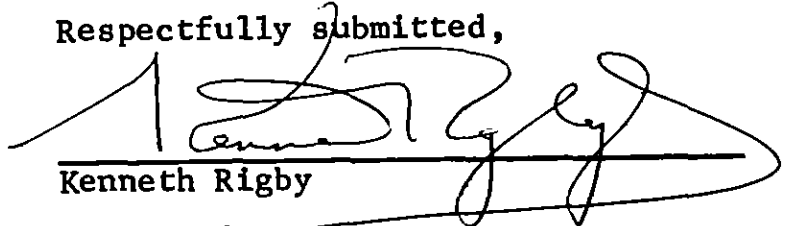
Mr. Smith studied law at the Centenary Night School and was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar in the year 1938, remaining a member of that Bar Association, the Shreveport Bar Association, and the American Bar Association until his death, although never being actively engaged in the practice of law.

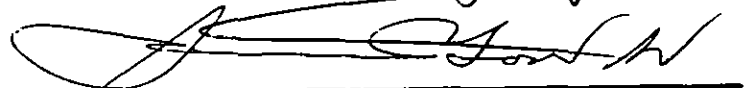
He was a member of the First Methodist Church, Downtown Shreveport Rotary Club, Joppa Masonic Lodge, and El Karubah Shrine Temple, and a former member of the Lowe-McFarlane American Legion Post.

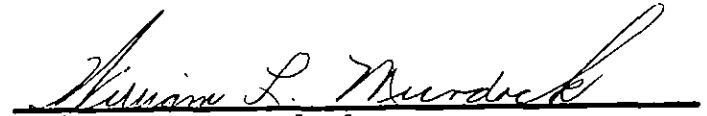
Mr. Smith succumbed to a brief illness on May 27, 1969, survived by his widow, daughter, grandchild, and two sisters, Mrs. H. W. Mason and Miss Bene Gene Smith, both of El Dorado, Arkansas.

Mr. President, I move the adoption of this resolution and that the same be spread upon the minutes of this Court and that copies be furnished to his widow and family.

Respectfully submitted,


Kenneth Rigby


Samuel P. Love, Sr.


William L. Murdock