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JOHN T. GUYTON

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John T. Guyton, born at Bayou Goula, Louisiana, on October 10, 1907, of the marriage between John Thomas Guyton, Sr., and Laurel Olive Tison Guyton, lived as a child on Old Hickory Plantation near White Castle, Louisiana, and at White Castle he attended elementary and high school. He left Bayou Goula to attend Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and from which he received his LL.B. degree in 1928. In accordance with the recognition that the bachelor's degree does not duly recognize the efforts and accomplishments that went into gaining its award, particularly when compared with the degrees awarded like scholarship in other fields, Louisiana State University on December 7, 1968, awarded John T. Guyton the Juris Doctor degree in replacement of the Bachelor of Laws.

The Louisiana Supreme Court admitted John T. Guyton to practice in the Courts of that State on November 30, 1928, and he subsequently was authorized to practice in various Federal Courts and administrative bodies including the Interstate Commerce Commission, the United States Court of Claims, the United States District Courts for the Western and Eastern Districts of Louisiana, the Fifth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Shreveport was enriched by the decision of John T. Guyton in August 1929 to there establish his domicile and practice. He well served his city, his country, and his profession. He was Chairman of the committee appointed by the Shreveport Bar Association in 1955 to work with the members of the Citizens Charter Revision Committee in putting in proper legal form its recommendations for changes in the Charter of the City of Shreveport.

He worked with the Childrens Service Bureau and served as President of its Board. He devoted hours of his talents to firming up the foundations and assuring the progress of Southfield School, an institution dear to his heart and which he served as President of the Board. He was a member of the Shreveport Country Club and served as its Vice-President. He was a member of the Shreveport Club and served as its President.

Following the day of infamy when Pearl Harbor was attacked, he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve and served his country both within and outside of its Continental boundaries. While stationed at the United States Fourth Fleet Headquarters at Recife, Brazil, he was fortunate in being able to simultaneously serve his Country and hone his own legal skills by serving on several Naval Courts in the capacity of member, or Judge Advocate, or as Counsel for the accused. He was later honorably discharged from the United States Naval Reserve as a Lieutenant Commander. Before his naval service he had served on the Advisory Board for Registrants, No. 1, Caddo Parish, organized under the Selective Training and Service Act, and on Shreveport-Caddo Parish War Price and Rationing Board No. 2.

His service to his profession included, in general, willingly spending whatever time it took to carry out the requests made of him by the Shreveport Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, membership in all of which he treasured, and, in particular, devotedly carrying out his duties as President of the Shreveport Bar Association.

The diversity of his legal talents is demonstrated, on the one hand, by his serving on the Legal Committee of the Louisiana - Arkansas Division of Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and his recognition as one of the outstanding oil and gas practitioners and, on the other hand, by his invitation to become a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Before World War II, John T. Guyton worked in the Legal Department of the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana and was a member of the firm of Wilkinson, Lewis and Wilkinson. After his return from service, he first was in the Legal Department of Union Producing Company and then left to become a partner in the law firm of Hargrove, Guyton, Van Hook and Hargrove, which later became Hargrove, Guyton, Van Hook and Ramey, and was the firm of Hargrove, Guyton, Ramey and Barlow when he retired from active practice on May 1, 1979.

On June 15, 1933, John T. Guyton and Margaret Virginia Hickman, of Shreveport, were married and of this marriage the following children were born:

John Stephen Guyton;

Margaret Judith Guyton, now the wife of Joe Lee Pritchett, Jr.; and,

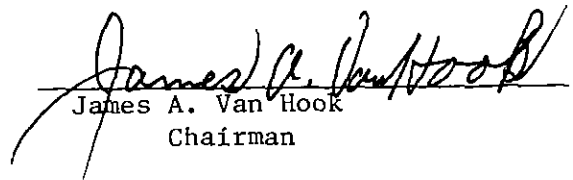
Thomas Hickman Guyton.

John T. Guyton died in Shreveport on February 15, 1983, survived by his wife and his said three children, six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, a sister and numerous nieces and nephews, and esteemed by the legal profession, to which he was a credit and an exemplification of the high ideals for which it strives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shreveport Bar Association does hereby direct that the admiration and respect in which John T. Guyton was held by his fellow lawyers and his fellow citizens be made a permanent part of the records of the First Judicial District Court and that a copy of this attempt to express this admiration and respect be sent, with the sympathy of this Committee, to his family.


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