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FOR THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF CADDO

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

OLLIE BERNARD BODDIE,

a brother lawyer, citizen and American, a friend, is fallen. Bernard, or Ollie, as I knew him, was cast into this world to be a bearer of many burdens. Born into a world of political, economic and civil upheaval and distress of such great proportions that those of my generation can only attempt to imagine, he struggled and sacrificed for the good and preservation of the whole, bearing the burdens of national poverty and world crisis without complaint and at the same time building a life from which we all can, and should, learn.

Born of humble beginnings in Bienville Parish, Louisiana, he bore the burdens of the Great Depression, from which he garnered strength and perseverance, tools he would employ for the duration of his life, for it was a rough and rugged road that lay before him.

When that road led to war, he offered himself up for his country, enlisting in the armed forces, and ultimately devoting the prime of his life to the defense of this nation.

Along the road he raised and provided us with four fine fellow citizens, Linda, John, Lisa and Laura, who are another legacy he has bestowed upon us.

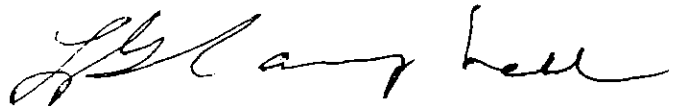
After completing a distinguished career in the United States Air Force, Bernard turned his attention to his love of knowledge, pursuing an advanced education that culminated in 1973 with his obtaining his Juris Doctor and his admission to the bar. For the next twenty years he practiced that craft with honesty and integrity. His generosity and compassion for the plight of his clients often caused him to work without compensation, increasing his personal burden.

His love of the law and the system he served to protect was evidenced many times over as he animatedly and enthusiastically engaged in discussions of legal theory and practice.


Over the course of this life, Bernard was consistently confronting burdens, his, his fellow man's, yours and ours. As he proceeded down the rocky road his life and lifetime presented him, however, he was not content with simply enduring the journey, but was always pausing to push a stone to the side, to fill a pot hole, that those who came behind him would enjoy a smoother, less painful life. Yes, Ollie Bernard Boddie was a bearer of many burdens, but perhaps the one thing I will most remember about him more than any other is that no matter how laden he might have been, he always had room for a smile.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in this memorial we of the Shreveport Bar Association express the admiration and respect in which Ollie Bernard Boddie was held by his fellow lawyers, his business associates and his fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on behalf of each member of our Association we extend our sympathy to his family in their loss; that a copy of this memorial resolution be spread upon the minutes of the First Judicial District Court; and that a copy be delivered to the family of Ollie Bernard Boddie.


L. G. Campbell


Thomas A. Wilson


Tommy K. Cryer, Chairman

Shreveport, Louisiana
November 2, 1993