## IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA



WE, The undersigned, Members of the Bar, appointed by the Shreveport Bar Association, beg leave to submit the following Report and Resolutions:

## IN MEMORIAM

## JUDGE BRYAN EDWARD BUSH

Bryan Edward Bush was born in Ruston, Louisiana, on September 11th, 1898. His father was Warren Edward Bush and his mother was Josephine Pearce.

He had the good fortune to have been reared on a farm. His earliest associations were with people who earned their bread by the honest labor of their own hands, and the impressions thus made on his mind were with him always. They inspired his sympathies, and to a great extent governed his ideas of public duty at every stage of his life.

He was received into the Methodist Church while in his youth, and was a believing and practicing Christian all the days of his life.

He was educated in the elementary schools at Ruston, Louisiana, at Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana, and at Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

While attending Centenary College, he worked in the Oil Fields and sold insurance to pay for his education.

When a mere boy he loved the Court Room, and listened with intense interest and delight to the mental conflicts of strong-minded men. It took but little encouragement for him to undertake the study of Law. He entered upon the study of Law under the guidance and direction of the late John B. Files of Shreveport, Louisiana. He enrolled in the School of Law at Loyola University, but prior to completing the prescribed course of study, passed the Bar Examination, and was admitted to practice in the State of Louisiana by the Supreme Court on January 14th, 1926.

When he was admitted to the Bar, he had a student's well trained mind, and a knowledge of the great principles of the Civil Law, which influenced him throughout his life.

He was married to Sallie Mat Clingman on February 11th, 1926, who survives him, along with their four children, Martha Josephine Bush Chandler, Doris Eoline Bush King, Bryan Edward Bush, Jr and Arthur Clingman Bush.

During his career at the Bar he had practised both individually and in partnership. For a short period prior to World War II, he was associated with Hugh M. Stephens under the firm name of Bush and Stephens. After World War II, he was associated with Hugh M. Stephens and Lyndon B. Allen under the firm name of Bush, Stephens and Allen, for approximately three years.

He was appointed as one of the District Judges for the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana on May 24th, 1948.

After leaving the Bench, he again resumed the active practice of the Law, which for a time he spent in association with his daughter, Martha Josephine Bush Chandler.

In his legal practice, he strictly conformed himself to the requirements of professional ethics. He was honest and honorable. As a pleader he was careful, diligent and exact. He gave great attention to the preparation of litigated cases for trial. Once a case was tried, he was capable of writing a brief with little if any reference to the transcript due to his most remarkable memory.

To the young lawyer he was both counsel and friend. He seemed to derive his greatest pleasures in assisting fellow lawyers in the solution of difficult problems. His life and character is a fitting example for the younger members of the Bar.

He was a member of the Shreveport, Louisiana and American Bar associations and although he became a man of considerable means through the oil business, he continued the practice of law until his untimely death.

He gave of his time freely to worthwhile organizations, being a member of the Elks, Masons, Shriners, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign

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Wars and the Cattleman's association, having served for a time as the president of Cattleman's association.

When duty called, he was always one of the first to respond. He volunteered for service in World War I at the age of Seventeen. He served with distinction in this great conflict as a member of the infantry overseas.

He served as a member of the Local Draft Board # 81 during World War II, and as president of the Draft Appeal Board during the Korean Conflict, which position of trust he held at the time of his death.

Bryan Bush was without doubt a very remarkable man. His force of character cannot be overestimated. He threw himself into all of his undertakings with the fixedness of purpose and disregard of obstacles which are the best guarantees of success. This was true of him whether engaged in a lawsuit or in the performance of a public duty.

He was critically injured in an automobile accident on December 1st, 1955 and died on December 12th, 1955.

At last he has found rest and peace, the rest and peace of eternity to a christian soul. As Judge, loving husband and father, affectionate son, fellow lawyer, and faithful friend, he will walk this earth no more.

Although monuments may be made of brick or stone, none will be more enduring than the memorial you will this day enroll upon the records of this Court.

YOUR HONORS, the Committee suggests to the Court and Bar the following resolutions commerative of the life and character of Judge Bush:

RESOLVED, That the death of Judge Bryan Edward Bush has brought sorrow to us all, and that in his death the State has lost a useful citizen, and the Bar a distinguished member;

RESOLVED, That we extend to the widow and family of Judge Bush our condolence in their great loss;

RESOLVED, That Memorial Pages be set apart on the Book of Minutes of This Honorable Court, whereupon this report and these resolutions may be inscribed.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an offical copy of this Report and these Resolutions be made under the seal of this Court and furnished to Mrs. Sallie Mat Clingman Bush, the surviving widow of Bryan Edward Bush.

Shreveport, Louisiana

September 17th, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert L. GARRETT

Hugh M. Stephens