

Memorial to

CHARLES BROWN EMERY

September 24, 1899 - February 18, 1976

Presented to the First Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for Caddo Parish by the undersigned Committee designated by the President of the Shreveport Bar Association to prepare and submit a resolution in memory of the late Charles Brown Emery, a member of the Bar of this Court and of this Association.

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Charles Brown Emery (known affectionately to a few intimates as Charlie Brown, and to many as Charlie) was the third of five children born to Harry Brown Emery and Rosa Bengsolm Emery. The two older children were born in Lored, Texas and the two younger in Marshall, Texas. Charles was the only one of his family born in Mexico. He was born September 24, 1899, in Mexico City, Mexico. He died here, where he had resided for over 50 years, on February 18, 1976.

Contrary to popular belief, neither of Charles' parents were of Mexican decent; his father was born in Dingham's Ferry, Pennsylvania, and his mother was born in Madrid, Spain, of Castilian parents.

Charles' father was a railroad engineer who ran

trains between Laredo, Texas and Mexico City, and later between Laredo, Texas and Marshall, Texas. While still very young Charles moved with his mother and father to Laredo, and later to Marshall, Texas.

Because of the fact that he was born on Mexican soil, Charles enjoyed the status of a Mexican citizen as well as being a citizen of the United States, since his mother and father were only temporarily residing in Mexico when he was born. All who knew Charles knew he was proud of his dual citizenship.

When he first came to Shreveport he was working for Superior Iron Works as a bookkeeper, and continued working there until he started practicing law. Charles attended law classes at Centenary College and was admitted to the Bar in 1929. He immediately began to establish his lifelong reputation for diligence and energy in the service of his clients, for skill and learning in his profession, and above all for the utmost rectitude in his dealings with his clients, the Courts and other members of his profession. His fluency in Spanish earned him a large Spanish-speaking clientele and he was frequently called upon as an interpreter. He was also well versed in the immigration laws and was frequently called upon for advice in that field.

Charles Brown Emery was married in 1932 to Vella LeBlanc, who survives him. They had one daughter, Jeanne Rose, who is married to James E. Roy. Charles and Vella were married

in Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Shreveport, where he sang in the choir for many years.

Charles was a lover of music. One of his hobbies was collecting records. He had over 200 long playing records. He was also an avid fisherman and golfer.

Charles was a past Grand Knight of Council 1108, Knights of Columbus. He was a past Exalted Ruler of B.P.O.E. Lodge 122, Shreveport, Past District Deputy and past State President of the Elks. He served on the committee to rewrite the State By-Laws of the Elks, and at the time of his death he was on the Elks Finance Committee.

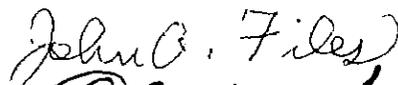
He is survived by his widow, his daughter, five grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

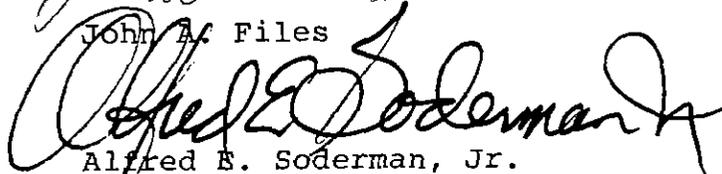
Charles Brown Emery was successful in his business affairs and in his accomplishments and reputation in his professional career. He was conscientious and attentive to the needs of his family and his obligations as a citizen. He will long be missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, hereby affirm the respect, the admiration and the regard in which we held Charles Brown Emery, for his character and ability, his industry, skill and learning, and for his example of the lawyer at his best; and we extend to his widow, his daughter and grandchildren our sincere sympathy in their loss.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this memorial and resolution be made a part of the records of this Court and that copies of the record hereof be delivered to the members of the family of our departed brother and friend.


Ike F. Hawkins, Jr.


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Chairman

Shreveport, Louisiana

September 7, 1976