MEMORIAL FOR EDWARD O. KERNAGHAN PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OCTOBER 24, 2003 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

Edward O. Kernaghan died in Shreveport, Louisiana, on February 15, 2003, at the age of 76. He grew up in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Mississippi Southern University and his Law Degree from Emory University.

Mr. Kernaghan practiced law in Shreveport for many years, with an emphasis on insurance defense. Though always an advocate, he demonstrated through his actions civility toward all, including his adversaries, honesty, fair dealings and rigorous representation. In short, he personified the concepts of professionalism which we now try to inculcate in all lawyers through the mandatory CLE Program.

In Word War II, Ed served in the U. S. Navy as a Gunnery Mate aboard the U.S.S. Casablanca. He was decorated for his actions in the Pacific Theater of Operations. Following his tour of military duty, he was active in various Veterans organizations including the American Legion, 40 and 8, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of and active in the Kiwanas Club.

Ed will be best remembered for his unflagging efforts, spanning more than 35 years, to help others recover from the disease of alcoholism. **The Bridge House of Shreveport**, a half-way house for recovering alcoholic men, was his principal passion. He served the Bridge House as President and as member

of the Board of Directors for more than 20 years. He guided that facility through good times and bad. He was as likely to be seen there with hammer and paint brush in hand as with financial statements or by-laws. He was mentor to hundreds of men who, over the years, have passed through that house. He led by example and those who chose to follow his lead went out of that house and on to useful, productive and happy lives.

Ed is survived by his son, Glenn Kernaghan, and daughter-in-law, Claire Kernaghan; by his wife, Hannelore Forster Kernaghan; his former wife, Charlsie Kernaghan; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward O. Kernaghan and Elna Clinton Kernaghan, his sister, Louise Callahan; and his former wife, Betty Kernaghan.

Edward O. Kernaghan. Outwardly, and on first appearance, a gravelly voiced curmudgeon. To those who knew him, a warm, caring human being who loved and served his God, his family, his country, his friends and his fellows.

Respectfully submitted,

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