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MEMORIAL
TO
JOSEPH NORRIE MARCANTEL

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PRESENTED TO THE FIRST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT BY THIS COMMITTEE
OF THE SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

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The opening day of this term of court honors and respects those who are recently departed from our ranks. In so doing, we acknowledge the inheritance by us of a dedication of those departed to excellence in the profession of the practice of law. For this inheritance we are deeply indebted to Joseph Norrie Marcantel.

His dedication to the practice of our profession, his ethics, his ideals and his honor have contributed measurably to our profession.

Joseph Norrie Marcantel was born in Fenton, Louisiana in 1901. Shortly thereafter his family moved to Kinder and he received his preliminary education in the schools of Kinder and his legal training at Louisiana State University from which he graduated in 1924, and was admitted to the Louisiana Bar. From his admittance to the Bar, he engaged continuously in the active, private practice of law in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was originally with the firm of Pugh, Grimmett & Boatner and was later associated with the firm of Wise, Randolph, Randal and Freyer. In 1936 he opened his office as a sole practitioner where it remained until the date of his death. He was City Attorney of the City of Shreveport under the late Mayor Clyde E. Fant for a period of many years. He actively practiced before all of the courts in this area and State and was acknowledged as an expert in the field of municipal law.

That is a brief statement of Joseph Norrie Marcantel, a lawyer. No man's profession is his whole self, however, and

we have only covered a portion of the man. It is the whole to which we pay tribute at this time. It is not difficult to describe him ---a man devoted to his family --- a man of personal integrity --- a man of great capabilities --- a man of warmth and a man of humor. All of these he was. Norrie Marcantel was devoted to his wife, to his daughter and son and to his two grandchildren. This was apparent upon even a casual contact. His sincerity, warmth, concern for others and integrity were constantly demonstrable to those with whom he came in contact.

His concern for others was reflected at all times. His sense of humor was constantly present and was of a gently and kindly nature. He was not given to ridicule or other forms of sarcasm. His warmth and charm were reflected in merely walking down the street with him. His smile was ever present and this smile generated true warmth and love of the human race. He lived a full life and practiced his profession with excellence in his work, yet never without warmth in his personal relationships and never without a basic underlying quality of gentle humor.

He was supported in his endeavors by the constant aid, encouragement and devotion of his wife and family and it was this that enabled him to uninterruptedly continue an outstanding career in the practice of law.

While his passing left a void to those close to him, his life and his manner of living made richer and fuller the lives of those he touched. The fullness, richness and humor that existed in Joseph Norrie Marcantel contributed to the experience and effect upon all others and his existence lives and grows in the lives of those with whom he came in contact.

So, that when we pay tribute to Joseph Norrie Marcantel, it is truly with sorrow, but in addition to this it is also with

deep gratitude for our association with him through the years.

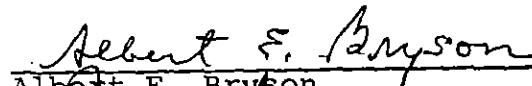
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, by this memorial, express the admiration and regard in which we held Joseph Norrie Marcantel; and to his family our sympathy in their loss.

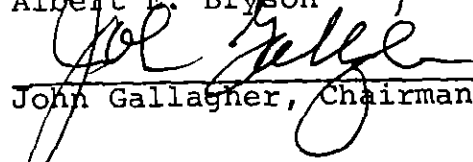
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial be made a part of the records of this court and certified copies thereof delivered to the members of his family.

Shreveport, Louisiana

September 4, 1973


Loret J. Ross


Albert E. Bryson


John Gallagher, Chairman