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December 20, 1910 - May 22, 1967

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 Keith McBride Pyburn, a member of the Bar of this Court and of this Association.

Keith McBride Pyburn was born at Dodson, Louisiana, on December 20, 1910, the son of Dennis Mackey Pyburn and Margàret Hammond McBride Pyburn.

After graduation from Ruston High School he entered Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1932. He graduated from the Tulane University School of Law in 1936.

While at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute he established an outstanding scholastic record and served as editor of the college newspaper. He continued this record at Tulane where he served as an editor of the Tulane Law Review, President of the Law School Student Body, and President of the University Student Council.

In 1937 he entered practice in Shreveport as a partner with his brother, the late Aubrey M. Pyburn, under the firm name of Pyburn and Pyburn. Later, after the death of his brother he formed with I. Henry Smith, Jr. and T. K. Giddens, Jr. the firm of Pyburn, Smith and Giddens.

He was a member of the Louisiana State House of Representatives from Caddo Parish from 1948 to 1952.

He continued his legal practice in Shreveport, Louisiana, until October, 1953, when he accepted a professional position with Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation in Washington, D. C., as their Washington Counsel, which relationship continued until his untimely passing on May 22, 1967. While in Washington, he maintained an active interest in the Shreveport Bar Association, this community, and Louisiana law, and kept in close contact with the attorneys of this Bar Association.

In addition to his practice and membership in professional organizations, he served with honor as a member of the United States Army during World War II from 1941 until 1946 and was discharged with the rank of Major in the United States Army Reserve.

Keith Pyburn achieved unusual distinction in his career and it is fitting in this memorial to refer to the qualities of his character and personality which made him outstanding. Perhaps his predominate trait was sincerity, or perhaps loyalty, for he had both. He was an extremely able lawyer and a hard worker. When a problem or

a case was turned over to him, you knew that he would stick with it and see it through. He had the ability to favorably impress people at his first meeting with them, and this quality stood him in good stead as a Legislator, as an Attorney, and as a Representative of his company in Washington. He made and kept friends. He was kind and patient. He was a good church man and a good family man.

Keith Pyburn is survived by his widow, Mrs. Marjorie Owens Pyburn, and three fine sons - Dennis Mackey, Keith McBride, Jr., and John Owens.

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, hereby express the admiration and regard in which we held Keith McBride Pyburn, for his character and ability, his industry and skill, and his exemplification of the advocate and counselor at his best; and we extend to his family our sincere sympathy in their loss.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of 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.

Twain K. Giddens, Jr.

Charles E. Tooke, Jr., Chairman.

Shreveport, Louisiana 18 September, 1967.