MEMORIAL FOR NORMAN V. KINSEY

RESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NOVEMBER 3, 2011 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

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Norman Victor Kinsey was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on January 7, 1921 and

passed away on September 11, 2011. A lifelong resident of Shreveport, Mr. Kinsey

attended Creswell Grammar School, Byrd High School and Louisiana State University.

World War II temporarily interrupted his studies in 1942 when he entered the U.S. Army

Air Corps as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. During the war, he served as part of an invasion fleet

that landed in Morocco and fought their way across North Africa, ultimately finishing the

war in Italy. His military decorations included an amphibious assault arrowhead, 9

battle stars, 2 Presidential Unit Citations and the Bronze Star for exceptional service in

support of combat operations. Norman returned to Shreveport with the rank of Major

and re-entered LSU Law School in January 1946, earning two degrees in 1947, a

Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Laws.

Norman was educated in the law by many of Louisiana's most famous legal scholars, Paul M. Hebert, Harriett Daggett and John Pascal, to name a few. Following law school Norman returned to Shreveport to join his father in business during the pioneering days of this region's oil and gas industry. They participated in the development of the Carthage Field in East Texas, and the founding of Transco Energy Company, Pacific Northwest Pipeline, Texas Illinois Natural Gas Pipeline and Piedmont Natural Gas Company. Norman successfully guided and grew his family's business over the next 51 years. In addition to his 31 years of service on the board of directors of Transco Energy Company, Norman was engaged in various other business ventures as well, including exploration, production and transportation of oil and gas, commercial and residential real estate development, timber, venture capital and other personal investments.

Norman was a strong advocate of education. He co-founded the Montessori School for Shreveport and the Ridgewood Montessori School. He established the LSUS American Studies Program and annually sponsored fellowships for Caddo Parish

secondary school teachers to attend the Colonial Williamsburg Summer Teachers Institute to spark their interest in teaching history and civics. He was an active member of the U.S. State Department Fine Arts Committee in Washington, D.C., which maintains the diplomatic reception rooms for visiting foreign dignitaries and heads of state, and through this affiliation he met the Secretaries of State from George Schultz through Hillary Clinton and the Presidents under whom they served.

Norman served on the boards of numerous local, state and national civic organizations and served as chairman or president of such associations as the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, Council for a Better Louisiana and Boy Scouts of America Norwela Council. He received a number of distinguished awards for his service to the Boy Scouts of America, including the Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope, Wood Badge and Louisiana's first Distinguished Eagle Award. The National Conference of Christians and Jews honored Norman and Peggy Kinsey with the Brotherhood Humanitarian Award in 1984, and the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce named Norman "Businessman of the Year" in 1993, Byrd High inducted him into its Hall of Fame in 1999, LSU Baton Rouge inducted him into the E.J Ourso College of Business Hall of Distinction in 2000 and the LSU Distinguished Alumni Association in 2008. LSU-Shreveport named him "Pilot of the Year" in 2001. In May of this year Louisiana Public Broadcasting honored Norman as a "Louisiana Legend".

Norman's primary interest was his family and while he traveled with his wife Peggy and his children to all seven continents as well as the North Pole, he often remarked that he was very proud of the fact that he had lived in only three houses in Shreveport for his entire life.

Norman continued to keep regular office hours and a busy social calendar up to the end of his life at the age of 90. He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Margaret Mary "Peggy" Wright Kinsey, and their four children, Glenn Victor Kinsey, husband of Ellen Sheridan Kinsey, Christopher Mahr Kinsey, husband of Judith Mayer Kinsey, Rebecca Louise Kinsey and Richard Norman Kinsey, and eight (8) grandchildren.

Norman was brimming with energy and enthusiasm to the end, and his joie de vivre will always be remembered as his greatest legacy for his children and grandchildren.

On behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, we submit this memorial to the memory of Norman V. Kinsey, and move that it be subscribed in the permanent records of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and that appropriate copies be presented to his family.

Respectfully submitted on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2011, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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