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MEMORIAL TO ROBERT GRAY CHANDLER

(October 4, 1899 - November 25, 1972)

Your Honors, ladies and gentlemen:

Robert Gray Chandler was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on October 4, 1899, the son of Dr. Green C. Chandler and Harries Gray. He departed this life in Shreveport, Louisiana on November 25, 1972.

Bob was married to Miss Neel Orman, who survives him. He is also survived by a son, Robert Gray Chandler, Jr., of Pueblo, Colorado, a daughter, Mrs. Ella Chandler Edwards, of Shreveport, Louisiana, and a sister, Mrs. Marie Edwards, of Corinth, Mississippi, and eight grandchildren.

Robert Gray Chandler spent his life in Shreveport. He received his formal education at Louisiana State University where he graduated from the law school in 1922 as valedictorian of his class.

The year following his graduation, he established his law office in Shreveport, where it continued up to the date of his death. He was a lawyer of great talent, both in the office and in Court and handled cases in all levels of the Courts, both State and Federal. He was known as a determined, wise and understanding advocate who represented his clients diligently and zealously, and he was known as a great student of the law. But during the last few years of his life, Bob enjoyed practicing as a sole practitioner, remained active and was carrying on an active office practice when he died at the age of 73.

Bob was a lifelong active member of the Presbyterian Church.

He took an active part in politics and served as Democratic Executive Committeeman from 1932 to 1940 and acted as Shreveport City Attorney during the years 1933-34.

During the last world conflict he was impressed into service as Chief of the local Office of Price Administration,

and served as Special Assistant to the Attorney General of Louisiana for four years beginning in 1944.

He was appointed to the National States' Rights
Commission in 1948 and was instrumental in organizing the
States' Rights Party in Louisiana in the year 1956.

Throughout his life he was interested in history, particularly the Civil War and local history, and he did a great deal of extensive work for the North Louisiana Historical Society.

Those of us who were privileged to enjoy his friendship knew the resources of his mind and heart and his willingness to help others at all times. He exemplified a life that has been and will be an inspiration to all of us. He was an uncommon man with the human touch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, hereby convey our respect and high regard for Mr. Robert Gray Chandler and for his ability and integrity of character, his industry, learning and skill and for his example as an accomplished lawyer, and we extend to Mrs. Chandler and the other members of his family our sincere sympathy in their loss and express our own sorrow in losing a great man and member of this Bar Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this 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.

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