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RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF BENJAMIN C. KING

Ben King was born in New Iberia, Louisiana, on May 14, 1915 where he grew up. He earned B.A. and J.D. degrees from Tulane University where he was a member of the Law Review and played championship tennis. He was admitted to the bar in 1939 and began his practice in New Iberia where he served on the draft board. Ben volunteered for the Air Force in September, 1941 before Pearl Harbor. He served with distinction as a pilot in the Pacific and was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters as well as the Distinguished Flyer Cross before being discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel. He moved to Shreveport to practice law with Sidney M. Cook, Charles Egan, Claire Clark and Clarence Yancey in a firm soon to be known as Cook, Clark, Egan, Yancey & King. He practiced with this firm and its successor for fifty years until his retirement. Ben served as the President of the Shreveport Bar Association in 1974. Ben's practice was centered in insurance, tire, elevator and railroad defense.

Ben was the consummate attorney and southern gentleman. Those who sat with him at counsel table always found an attorney who represented his clients in the best of the legal tradition. He was the lawyer's lawyer. While in practice, members of the legal profession would call on him, seeking advice and counsel on the handling of difficult litigation. Ben was the master of state pre-trial exception practice. He won cases on exceptions that literally no one else would have considered and secured dismissals on amazingly varied and seldom used or thought of exceptions. He was one of the moving forces in fleshing out the law on "Direct

Action" against insurance companies. He won cases in the United States Supreme Court on two different occasions, both in connection with the Direct Action Statute.

Ben was a mentor and teacher of young lawyers in his firm as well as those associated with him in the courtroom over many years. He was never shy in talking about his cases. He felt deeply about them and talked about them constantly.

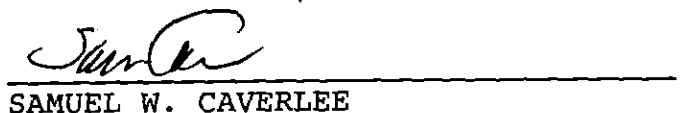
Ben is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Luise H. King, his son, Ben, Jr., and daughters, Katherine, Margaret, and Sue, six grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was close to his children who followed him like the pied piper; he stimulated their imaginations.

We submit this memorial to the memory of Benjamin C. King and move that it be spread upon the records of the First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and a copy be provided to the family.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of October, 2000.



EDWIN L. BLEWER, JR.



SAMUEL W. CAVERLEE