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HARRY SCHEEN STEPHENS

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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 the memory of the late Harry Scheen Stephens of Shreveport, a member of the Bar of this Court and of this Association.

HARRY SCHEEN STEPHENS was born in Coushatta, Louisiana, on June 3, 1907, the eldest son of Thomas Paxton Stephens, Sr. and Marie Scheen Stephens. He died on April 18, 1978, in Shreveport, Louisiana, at the age of 70. He resided in Shreveport for the past thirty-two years, where he practiced law with success and distinction:

Scion of a prominent Red River Parish family, he had deep roots in the practice of law. His great-grandfather, John Franklin Stephens, served as Clerk of Court in Old Sparta, Louisiana, later moving to Coushatta to practice law. Harry's uncle, John Franklin Stephens, served at the same Bar as District Attorney and presided as Judge. Harry's cousin, the Hon. L. Paul Stephens, served as District Judge for the Tenth Judicial District Court for many, many years.

Harry attended high school in Red River Parish and graduated as valedictorian of his class. He attended Baylor University and was graduated from Washington & Lee University. Thereafter, he attended Louisiana State University School of Law and was admitted to the Bar in February of 1934. He practiced law in Coushatta until March 25, 1941, when he was called to the service of his country in World War II. During his military career, he served as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate in England and in the European Theater. In January of 1946, he entered private law practice here in the City of Shreveport, and in 1974 joined the law firm of Naff, Kennedy, Goodman, Stephens, Donovan & Parnell, where he remained until the time of his death. He was admitted to practice in all of the state courts in Louisiana, both the Eastern and Western United States District Courts of Louisiana, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, and the United States Supreme Court. He held memberships in a number of civic and charitable organizations in this City, and was an active member of the First Baptist Church where he served faithfully on numerous board and committees. His knowledge of the Bible was legendary.

Among Harry's hobbies was an abiding love for orchids. He was a most devoted and successful grower, and more than a few of us enjoyed his blooms on special occasions. Harry was well known and respected for his wit and his candor. Possessed of a perceptive and analytical mind, Harry was able to definitize the issues and never

reticent to articulate them in blunt terms. That quality, mitigated by a twinkle in his eye and his courtly manner, earned him the respect of all who knew him. An avid student of Louisiana politics, Harry was often at the forefront espousing the merits of an issue or a candidate. His advice and comment was sought by many an aspiring politician.

Despite a full, vigorous and active regimen, Harry passed through this life at a deliberate pace, savoring and enjoying all it had to offer.

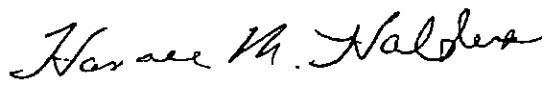
Harry's survivors include his widow, Marguerite Stephens; his son, William W. Schumpert; his brothers, Leonard Waller Stephens, II, and Thomas Paxton Stephens, Jr.; two grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

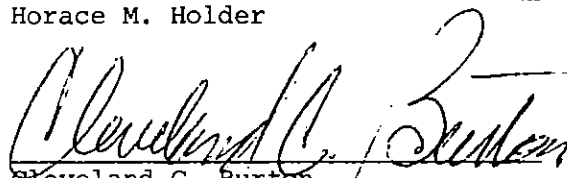
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, hereby affirm the respect, the admiration and the regard in which we held HARRY SCHEEN STEPHENS for his character and ability, his industry, skill and learning, and for his example of the lawyer at his best; and we extend to his wife, son, brothers, and other members of his family our sincere sympathy in their loss.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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.


Robert U. Goodman


Horace M. Holder


Cleveland C. Burton