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IN MEMORIAM

JAMES EMORY SMITHERMAN, JR.

James Emory Smitherman, Jr., known as "Jimmy" to his many friends, passed away on October 9, 1978, at the age of 63. Mr. Smitherman was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 30, 1914, the son of James E. Smitherman and Ina Thompson Smitherman. He lived in Shreveport all his life except for those periods when he was attending college and serving in the United States Air Force. He attended the elementary schools of Shreveport, Louisiana, graduating from Byrd High School. He also attended Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. He studied business administration at LSU in Baton Rouge and attended the School of Finance at Temple University. He was graduated from the Tulane University Law School in 1940 and was awarded the Juris Doctor Degree. He was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar in 1940, and so was a member of the Louisiana Bar for 38 years.

He joined the United States Air Force in 1941 and served as a legal officer during World War II; he was discharged with the rank of Major in 1946. Following the war he joined the law firm of Smitherman, Smitherman & Purcell in Shreveport, Louisiana, and he remained affiliated with this firm, now known

as Smitherman, Smitherman, Lunn, Hussey & Chastain, until his death. He became Vice President and General Counsel of A. J. Hodges Industries, Inc., a Louisiana corporation engaged in the oil and gas and land and timber business, in 1951, and he retained this position until his death. After becoming General Counsel for A. J. Hodges Industries, Inc. he devoted most of his time to that endeavor.

Jim Smitherman was devoted to his family; he married Frances Hodges Smitherman in 1942 and they had two children, James E. Smitherman, III, born October 14, 1945, now a resident of Houston, Texas, and Robert Emerson Smitherman, born March 2, 1947, now a resident of Shreveport, Louisiana. Both Mrs. Smitherman and his two sons survive him.

Jim Smitherman was a man of many interests and talents. He loved antique automobiles and sports cars and was instrumental in establishing local groups concerned with both. He was interested in boats and sailing vessels and was a member of the U. S. Power Squadron and the Shreveport Yacht Club. He was interested in anything mechanical and possessed an extensive workshop with all kinds of electrical, metal and wood fabricating machinery. He had an unusual talent for mechanics and could repair or fabricate almost any mechanical device.

He was prominent in the social and cultural activities of the city for many years. He invested in a diversity of

projects, owning a business in Houston, Texas, and oil and gas and land interests in Louisiana and Texas.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport. He was a Director of the Louisiana Bank & Trust Company and was Chairman of the Board of Power Distributors, Inc. of Houston, Texas.

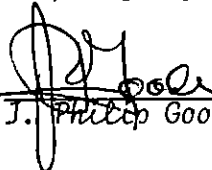
Jim Smitherman was a gentle and shy person. He was a friend to everyone who knew him and he never could refuse any request for assistance from anyone. He was a patient and understanding man and always concerned for the welfare and feelings of others. He went out of his way many times to help friends and acquaintances. Jim Smitherman was an unassuming person and always carefully avoided even the appearance of taking advantage of anyone because such was completely foreign to his nature. Jim Smitherman was a true Christian gentleman, and we cannot adequately express the loss we have suffered by his untimely demise, but we are grateful to him for the heritage left by his rich and rewarding life.

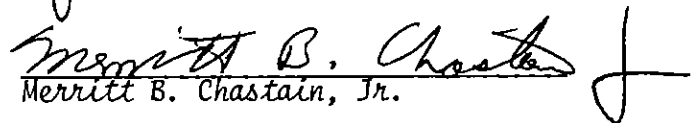
We extend our deepest sympathy to his family in their bereavement, with, however, the realization that the real memorial to James E. Smitherman, Jr. is in his untiring devotion to his family and friends and in his kindness and consideration to all who knew him.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this memorial be presented and read at the Memorial Exercises to be held in the Caddo Parish District Court under the auspices of the Shreveport Bar Association on October 16, 1978, and that it be presented to the Supreme Court of Louisiana at the Memorial Exercises to be held this year under the auspices of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this memorial be delivered to the members of the immediate family of James Emory Smitherman, Jr. as a testimonial of the high esteem and regard held for him by the Shreveport and Louisiana State Bar Associations.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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J. Philip Goode

  
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Merritt B. Chastain, Jr.

  
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Stuart D. Lunn, Chairman

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