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IN MEMORIAM
JOHN T. CARPENTER
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JUDGES OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
MEMBERS OF THE BAR, MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF
JOHN T. CARPENTER, Sr., LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Today it is our privilege to pay tribute to the memory of John T. Carpenter, Sr.

John Carpenter was born in Minden, Nebraska, on the 7th day of October, 1904, and was raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, having attended public schools here. John Carpenter went to law school at Louisiana State University and graduated in 1926.

John died at the age of 82 on the 26th day of February, 1987. He is survived by his loving wife, Helen Sturgess Carpenter, and six loving children; Katherine Carpenter Colgan, Dr. John T. Carpenter, Jr., and Jane Carpenter Stevens, all by his first marriage to Anna Belle Taylor, and three step-children in whose rearing he was very active, Claudia Sturgess Hill, Carol Sturgess Laborde, and Connie Sturgess Leonard.

After returning to Shreveport from law school to practice law, John had been an associate with E. W. and P. N. Browne. He subsequently established a solo practice in Shreveport and for a short period of time, before Algie Brown went to World War II, was in an office-sharing partnership with Algie Brown. John's primary work in the years following World War II was in land title work, at one time having a large practice closing loans for the Veteran's Administration. He was also in an office-sharing arrangement with Judge Gorman Taylor. For approximately two to three years he was with the law firm of Booth, Lockard, Jack, Pleasant and LeSage, resigning to run for City Judge. John became aware of a health problem at that point that caused him not to run for the judgeship. From 1962 until his retirement in 1972, he worked alone, with his wife, Helen, as his secretary, working for First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Shreveport. All of us who have checked titles behind a First Federal mortgage completed during the last years of his practice have

been working behind John. I can remember being told, when I first started practicing in 1969, that if there was a First Federal mortgage, you could almost start your title check at that point.

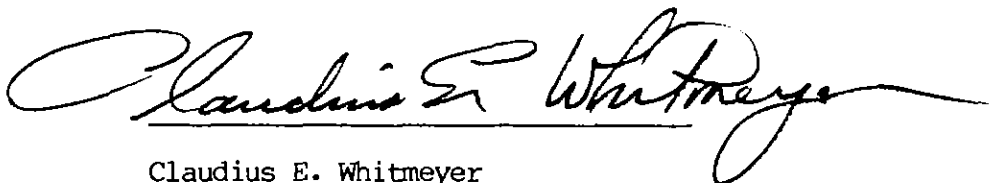
During John Carpenter's life in Shreveport, he was well known for his honesty and his willingness to work and serve. For a period of time, under both Judge Samuels and Judge Hendricks, John frequently served as an ad hoc city judge in times of their absences. For 29 years, John Carpenter served as a member of the Caddo Parish School Board, serving his district with distinction, and serving that body in every conceivable capacity. John was also a member of the Kiwanis Club, having had 33 years of perfect attendance. He and his family were members of the Broadmoor Methodist Church.

John retired from the active practice of law in 1972 after having had a stroke that at times affected his memory. Thankfully, he was not physically impaired. In his last years he enjoyed life; he enjoyed the constant companionship of his wife, dancing, reading and attending the Stroker's Hope group at the Broadmoor Presbyterian Church.

To the family of John T. Carpenter, please know that we of the Shreveport Bar pay him our lasting respect. We would ask that he be remembered as the fine lawyer and family man that he was.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shreveport Bar Association adopt and record this memorial as a testimonial and tribute to the memory of its departed member, John T. Carpenter, Sr., and that copies of this resolution be delivered to his family.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Claudius E. Whitmeyer

for the Memorial Committee of

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