

MEMORIAL TO
JUDGE LOUIS LYONS

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

To all the judges, family, friends and fellow members of the Bar, it is an honor and a privilege to speak on behalf of Judge Louis Lyons.

Judge Lyons was born in Montgomery, Alabama on January 28, 1900, and died December 19, 1994. He is survived by his wife, Ms. Bertha Elizabeth Weaver, two daughters, Sarah Francis Lyons Bramson and Martha Elizabeth Lyons Hill and three grandchildren. He moved to Bossier City in 1920 after honorably serving his country during World War I.

He attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute and graduated from Centenary College.

Judge Lyons was admitted to practice law in 1935 and had a legal career that extended over fifty years. In 1948, he authored the legislative bill creating a Bossier City Court, and in 1950, he was elected as the first judge of that Court. He began serving as municipal and juvenile judge in Bossier City in 1951, and retired from the bench in 1985.

Though Judge Lyons' tenure preceded the building of the new City Court at the Bossier Civic Center, his initial efforts in helping to create the City Court certainly laid the foundation for that facility.

Children always held a special place in Judge Lyon's heart. He spent many years as a scout leader, and when sitting as juvenile judge, if the parents of the juvenile defendant were absent, he would issue a bench warrant for their appearance. In his gentle but firm manner, he enforced his belief of family unity.

Judge Lyons was an avid reader, studied religious writings and enjoyed classical music. An advance sheet was never shelved until Judge Lyons had read it cover to cover and made copious notes of its contents. To open his court, he always read a Boykin type statement to the

participants long before Boykin became law, and in a Louisiana Supreme Court Opinion, was highly praised by that Court for his use of such procedural safeguard.

Even with his dedication to continuing legal knowledge however, he maintained a personal sense of humor. Once, when I pled a misdemeanor defendant guilty in absentia in his Court, Judge Lyons imposed a fine, and then ordered: "If the absent defendant fails to pay the fine, then Mr. Sutton is ordered to pay it."

Judge Lyons epitomized what a lawyer and judge should be. His demonstrative evidence was the example of his work and the manner in which he conducted his life.

Though his legacy is viewed by us primarily as a good judge and legal scholar, he is also remembered as a good husband, a good father, a good grandfather, a good person, as well as a good judge, lawyer and citizen.

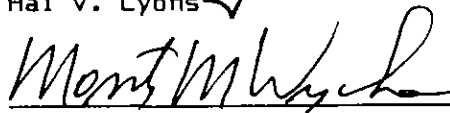
Your Honor, we would move that this memorial be duly recorded and made a part of the permanent record of the First Judicial District Court and that copies thereof be delivered to Judge Lyons' family, and forwarded to the Louisiana Supreme Court for recordation.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED this 26th day of October, 1995.

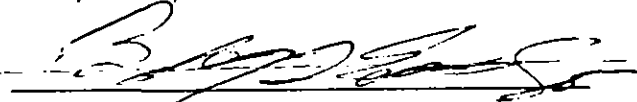
Respectfully Submitted,



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