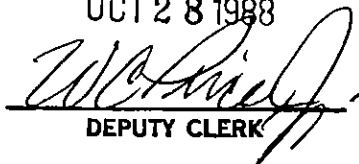


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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
HONORING
LUTHER SIDNEY MONTGOMERY

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MEMBERS OF THE SHREVEPORT BAR, MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF LUTHER SIDNEY MONTGOMERY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

WE COME TO PAY RESPECT AND TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF ONE OF OUR FELLOW ATTORNEYS.

LUTHER SIDNEY MONTGOMERY, FONDLY KNOWN TO ALL AS "MONTE", WAS BORN IN TANGIPAHOA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ON NOVEMBER 11TH, 1911. LUTHER WAS THE YOUNGEST OF FIVE CHILDREN BORN TO WILEY HAMILTON MONTGOMERY AND ADA WEATHERSBY MONTGOMERY. MONTE PASSED AWAY IN SHREVEPORT, ON JULY 7TH, 1988. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ONE SON, TWO DAUGHTERS AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN.

LUTHER MONTGOMERY CAME VERY NEAR TO BEING "SELF MADE". HIS FATHER, WHO AS A SINGLE PARENT, REARED HIM FROM ABOUT AGE THREE, DIED WHEN MONTE WAS FIFTEEN YEARS OLD, LEAVING HIM TO FACE THE WORLD ON HIS OWN RESOURCES. LUTHER REALIZED OBTAINING AN EDUCATION WAS ONE OF LIFE'S PRIME OBJECTIVE. LUTHER ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL AT HAMMOND, LOUISIANA, AND LIVED AT THE LEADING HOTEL THERE, WORKING IN THE EVENINGS AS A BELLHOP AND PART TIME DESK CLERK FOR HIS BOARD AND ROOM. HE ALSO CARRIED A PAPER ROUTE IN THE MORNINGS -- AND FOUND TIME TO PLAY FOOTBALL IN THE AFTERNOONS. HE OBTAINED A FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP TO COLLEGE OF MARSHALL, TEXAS, WHERE HE GRADUATED. DURING THIS PERIOD LUTHER WORKED AS A FRUIT PICKER AND FOLLOWED THE FRUIT SEASON IN SUMMERS TO PLACES AS FAR AS WASHINGTON STATE.

WHILE IN SCHOOL AT MARSHALL HE WORKED AT VARIOUS JOBS IN SHREVEPORT AND SUBSEQUENTLY MADE SHREVEPORT HIS HOME.

MONTE FINISHED HIS UNDERGRADUATE WORK AT LSU, SUPPORTING HIMSELF WITH PART TIME AND SUMMER EMPLOYMENT. HE WORKED FOR

THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ON A SURVEY CREW AND EVEN DID SOME BOXING. HE ENTERED LSU LAW SCHOOL AND EARNED A LAW DEGREE IN 1938.

AFTER GRADUATION LUTHER WAS EMPLOYED BY THE SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT AS CLERK OF CENTRAL RECORDS. HE ESTABLISHED THE FIRST SYSTEM OF RECORDS FOR THAT DEPARTMENT. HIS SYSTEM STILL EXISTS TODAY. MONTE WAS ENERGETIC IN POLITICS AND WAS AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF JUDGE RUVIAN HENDRICK AND LATER OF GOVERNOR JIMMIE DAVIS. IN 1939 HE WAS THE MANAGER FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN OF JIMMIE DAVIS FOR COMMISSIONER.

LUTHER MARRIED DEWANNA MEGISON ON JULY 27TH, 1940.

IN FEBRUARY, 1942 MONTE WAS SELECTED AS A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FBI. HE SERVED ABOUT THREE YEARS WITH THE FBI. LUTHER RESIGNED TO JOIN THE NAVY AND SERVED UNTIL HIS HONORABLE DISCHARGE AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II. THEREAFTER, MONTE WAS ASKED BY HIS FRIEND, GOVERNOR JIMMIE DAVIS, TO SERVE AS THE COMMISSIONER OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES. WHILE COMMISSIONER, MONTE STARTED THE PUBLICATION OF THE CONSERVATIONIST MAGAZINE. UNDER MONTE'S GUIDANCE THE MAGAZINE GAINED AN OUTSTANDING REPUTATION. AT THE END OF THE DAVIS ADMINISTRATION, LUTHER RETURNED TO SHREVEPORT AND OPENED HIS LAW OFFICE. HE PRACTICED LAW AS A SOLE PRACTITIONER, EXCEPT FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS WHEN HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAW FIRM OF IRION, SWITZER, LUNN AND TRICHEL.

IN 1976 MONTE WAS STRICKEN WITH CANCER OF THE THROAT AND UNDERWENT A RADICAL NECK DISSECTOMY. HOWEVER, HIS VOCAL CORDS WERE SAVED AND HE CONTINUED HIS PRACTICE. DURING THE TWELVE YEARS AFTER HIS FIRST OPERATION, LUTHER MAINTAINED A POSITIVE OUTLOOK AND NEVER COMPLAINED OF PAIN.

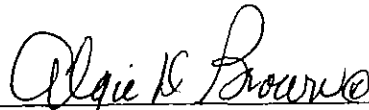
LUTHER S. MONTGOMERY WAS A FAMILY MAN, DESCRIBED BY HIS WIFE AS "A GOOD HUSBAND AND A LOVING FATHER". A FELLOW CHURCH MEMBER CALLED HIM "A CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN". A CLIENT STATED HE ADMIRERD MONTE BECAUSE HE WAS A FIGHTER FOR WHAT WAS RIGHT. LUTHER HAD A REPUTATION AS A HARD WORKING, SINCERE ATTORNEY WHO CHAMPIONED THE RIGHTS OF THE POOR AS WELL AS THE AFFLUENT.

THE WORLD MEASURES SUCCESS BY VARIOUS RULES AND STANDARDS, BUT THE BARD HAS PERHAPS STATED IT BEST TO FIT LUTHER MONTGOMERY WHEN HE SAID:

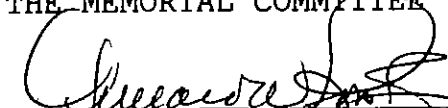
"A POOR SINNER AT GOD'S FOOTSTOOL KNELT TO CONFESS:
"I'VE FAILED", HE CRIED. THE MASTER SAID: "THOU
DIDST THY BEST. THAT IS SUCCESS."

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, LUTHER SIDNEY MONTGOMERY AND THAT IT BE ENTERED UPON THE RECORDS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT AND OF THIS ASSOCIATION; THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE DELIVERED TO HIS FAMILY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



ALGIE D. BROWN, CHAIRMAN FOR
THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE



ARMAND W. ROOS, JR.



JACK H. KAPLAN