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TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT IN AND FOR CADDO PARISH, LA.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed
as the Committee to prepare a Memorial to the late
Sidney William Jacobson, herewith present the follow-
ing for recordation on the Minutes of the First Judicial
District Court of the State of Louisiana.

IN MEMORY OF LT. SIDNEY WILLIAM JACOBSON

It is no pleasant commentary to consider
that twice in one generation vicious little men, old
in years, have been able to plunge into the abyss of
war, nations both great and small and consequently
were able to visit death and destruction afield and
afar.

As is always the case most of those who were
required to die in order to insure the victory were
those who had hardly begun to live.

One such person was Lt. Sidney William Jacob-
son whose memory it is our privilege to honor this day
and in whose memory we are paying a just and deserving
tribute.

Lt. Sidney William Jacobsen was born in New
York City on April 10, 1916 when the world was in the
throes of the First World War, although the United States
had not yet entered the conflict. * Of the Jewish faith,

the son of Joseph Jacobson and his wife, Sarah Jacobson, in the year 1920 he came with his parents to Shreveport, Louisiana.

He was graduated from Byrd High School at Shreveport, Louisiana and after finishing High School he attended Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana from which institution in 1940 he received the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Bachelor of Laws. While at Louisiana State University Lt. Sidney William Jacobson won an exchange fellowship which entitled him to attend the University of Paris. He went to France where he attended the University of Paris but a short time later, with the outbreak of war in Europe, he returned to Louisiana State University where he finished his course in law and obtained his degree.

Throughout his entire school career he evidenced a keen love of the law which was proved by the fact that he made an outstanding scholastic record at the University Law School graduating in law with high honors near the top of his class. He was also elected to the Louisiana Law Review.

An outstanding student throughout his school career he was a handsome, well built, athletic young man, having been an expert swimmer practically all of his life. He was typical of the thousands of American

officers and men who by their exceptional ability, intelligence and patriotic devotion made possible the victory which he did not live to see but to which he contributed everything that he possessed.

After obtaining his law degree he was employed with the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation with whom he served as a law lecturer until May, 1941 when he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps.

He was trained as a pilot and on December 5, 1941, two days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he received his wings and his commission as a Second Lieutenant at Kelly Field, Texas. In February of 1942 he was transferred to the South Pacific. He operated against the enemy with the Third Bombardment Group, assigned to the Thirteenth Bombardment Squadron, acting as pilot of a B-25.

On May 25, 1942 Lt. Sidney William Jacobson, while engaged in the defense of his Country and while in active combat against the enemy, made the supreme sacrifice.

As evidence of the Nation's recognition of military merit and courage, Lt. Sidney W. Jacobson was awarded, posthumously, the Purple Heart by direction of the President of the United States. The award was made to honor the memory of a brave soldier who died as the result of enemy action. In addition to the

Purple Heart he was also awarded, posthumously, the Silver Star, for gallantry in action.

Cut down in his youth, before he had an opportunity to develop those talents which had given so much promise for a successful career, we, who live on to reap the benefits of peace which he helped to secure can contemplate over the sacrifice which he made and must resolve that we shall do all in our power to guarantee that never again shall such a holocaust visit the earth; that never again shall young men and young women be called upon to make the supreme sacrifice ere their lives have begun.

The passing of Lt. Sidney William Jacobson was a great loss, of course, to his bereaved family, to his many friends and to his associates. We, of the bar who had not yet had time to become acquainted in any substantial degree with his quality, character and ability will surely feel the loss of Lt. Sidney William Jacobson as we will feel the loss of so many others of our members. But, as continued grief is of no avail, it is our duty to prevent his sacrifice from having been made in vain by taking a precept and example from his life and from his passing so that all mankind everywhere may benefit.

May the sacrifice of Lt. Sidney William Jacobson and all his gallant comrades insure that in-

tolerance, prejudice, and hate, with resulting war,
shall never again be the fate of humankind.

Respectfully submitted,

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