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RESOLUTION IN MEMORY  
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SUMTER PIERRE COUSIN, SR.  
ADOPTED AT THE  
MEMORIAL SERVICES  
OF THE  
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION  
HELD IN THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT  
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA  
ON  
SEPTEMBER 2, 1969

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Sumter Pierre Cousin, Sr., was born in New Iberia, Louisiana, on October 12, 1894, son of George Joseph Cousin and Marguerite Lallande Cousin. After completing his primary education in the public schools in New Iberia, he attended Tulane University, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1915 and LLB degree in 1917. He served in the United States Army immediately after graduation, was discharged in 1919 with the rank of Captain.

He practiced law for a brief time in his native city of New Iberia but moved to Shreveport in 1919 and formed a partnership with the late Tinsley Gilmer. In 1922 he joined J.A. Thigpen, Sidney L. Herold and Elmo P. Lee, Sr., in the practice of law under the firm name of Thigpen, Herold, Lee & Cousin. This partnership continued until the death of Judge Thigpen and the withdrawal of Mr. Lee and the firm then became known as Herold, Cousin & Herold, with Samuel L. Herold becoming a member. Mr. Cousin continued to practice law under this name until the time of his death, even though both Sidney L. Herold and Samuel L. Herold preceded him in death. Mr. Cousin's untimely death on December 26, 1968, dissolved this well known law firm, which had existed for nearly 60 years.

Sumter Cousin was a staunch advocate of the Civil law and approached most legal problems from his extensive knowledge of the Civil Code and its antecedents in the French law, as he was always proud of his French ancestry and was often called upon to translate some of the French authorities. During the 50 years of his practice he was associated with his law partners in many of the landmark decisions of the Louisiana law, especially those dealing with oil and gas on which he was a recognized authority. As evidence of his outstanding contributions to the law of our state, he was inducted into the Order of the Coif at Tulane University in 1966.

He was proud of the fact that he had served his country in World War I and had a great zest for life. He enjoyed fine food and wine and was an ardent hunter and an expert shot, both at trap and game. He had a fine sense of humor, and this, coupled with his infectious laugh, was a source of great enjoyment to his friends. He was always considerate of opposing lawyers as individuals and particularly of the young lawyers. In the latter years of his practice he devoted much of his time to his hobby as a sportsman, although he was always a diligent worker and a true advocate of his clients' cause.

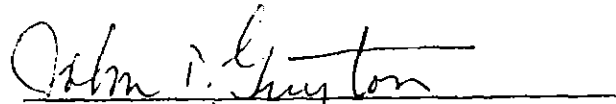
On December 26, 1917, Sumter Cousin married Cora Segura, with whom he was to celebrate 51 years of marriage. To this union six children were born, all of whom survived their father, namely, Sumter P. Cousin, Jr., George J. Cousin, III, Ethelyn Cousin Park, Cora Cousin McLaughlin, Marguerite Cousin McGill and Mary Cousin Rains.

He was apparently enjoying good health until approximately two months prior to his death and his passing has created a void among his family and friends and is a great loss to the bench and bar of this state, by whom he was held in such high regard.

Mr. President, I move the adoption of this resolution and that same be spread upon the minutes of this Court and copies furnished to his wife and family.

Respectfully submitted,

  
W. Scott Wilkinson

  
John T. Guyton

  
Simon Herold, Chairman