

MEMORIAL FOR
THOMAS B. WILSON, SR.
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OCTOBER 21, 2005
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

Thomas B. Wilson, Sr., was born in New Orleans on June 20, 1913. He was a descendant of Martha Washington and Nellie Custus, the family of President George Washington. He was also a descendant of Thomas Taylor Williamson, one of the founders of Shreveport.

Mr. Wilson attended George Washington University and graduated from the Law School of Louisiana State University. He served his country in the United States Army, holding positions as Battalion Executive Officer and Group Plans and Training Officer. He spent nearly three years in the European Theater during World War II, taking part in the Normandy landing and the invasions of France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, receiving five campaign ribbons. He attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Mr. Wilson began his practice of law in Shreveport and Bossier City in 1937 and was Prosecuting Attorney of Shreveport and an Assistant U. S. Attorney. He was a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association for more than sixty years.

In 1956 Mr. Wilson established Bossier Crossroads, Inc., a family business which operates a shopping center, apartment complex, and financial investments.

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Mr. Wilson was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and was active in several civic organizations.

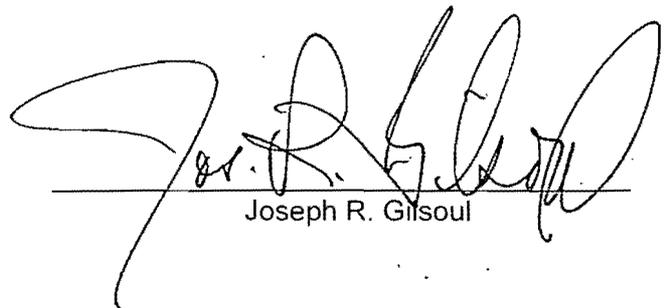
Mr. Wilson was an avid beekeeper, a hobby he pursued at his weekend home in Frierson. He and his wife loved to travel and often visited England and Wales, where his wife was born.

Mr. Wilson was a true gentleman, a person with never an unkind word, who gave all he met his full respect.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 62 years, Dilys Jones Wilson, Thomas B. Wilson, Jr., his son and his wife Marsha; two grandsons, Thomas B. Wilson, III, and John Reid Wilson and his wife Amye; granddaughter, Jordan Burnett Pearce and her husband Ben; as well as several other relatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, hereby affirm the respect, the admiration and the regard in which we held Thomas B. Wilson, Sr., for his character and ability, his industry, skill and learning, for his devotion and service to his country, and for his example of a lawyer and a man at his best; and we extend to his family, Dilys Jones Wilson, Thomas B. Wilson, Jr., his son and his wife Marsha; two grandsons, Thomas B. Wilson, III, and John Reid Wilson and his wife Amye; granddaughter, Jordan Burnett Pearce and her husband Ben; our sincere sympathy in their loss.

Further Resolved, that this memorial and resolution be made a part of the records of this Court and that copies of the record hereof be delivered to the members of the family of our departed brother and friend.


Joseph R. Gilsoul