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IN MEMORIAM

VAL IRION

November 4, 1899 - December 21, 1986

We, the undersigned committee, designated by the Shreveport Bar Association and Mrs. Josephine Hardin Irion to prepare and submit this resolution to the memory of the late Val Irion, on this occasion, submit the following:

Val was born in Bossier Parish, Louisiana on 4 November 1899, the son of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Irion of Benton, Louisiana. He was educated in the Bossier Parish schools during his early years and graduated from Tulane University and Tulane School of Law prior to working as a law clerk for Justice Overton of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Val, as he was known to his many friends, went to work for the New Orleans law firm of Monroe and Lemon and then with the firm of Lisco and Lewis in Lake Charles, Louisiana prior to his return to Shreveport.

Val practiced alone in Shreveport until he joined his friend, Richard H. Switzer, another sole practitioner, in 1930 and they formed the law firm of "Irion and Switzer".

Val and Richard had offices in the old City Bank Building at the corner of Market and Milam and then moved to the Giddens-Lane Building and later to the Slattery Building where their law offices remained for many years.

At the outbreak of World War II Val was sent to France as an officer in the United States Army and served with distinction until his return to the United States. After World War II Val

did post graduate work at Harvard University and after returning to Shreveport he and Richard were joined in the law firm by Val's nephew, the late Harry A. Johnson, Jr.

After Harry Johnson joined the law firm Val and Jo adopted their only child, Sheldon Hardin Irion, who survives Val along with Jo and the two grandchildren, Val Hardin Irion and Catherine Jackson Irion. Val is also survived by one sister, Mary Irion Coddling.

Val was a loving and devoted father. He encouraged his son in his studies as well as his participation in athletics. Val also enjoyed politics and community service. He founded many rotary clubs in northwest Louisiana and was also a tireless worker and supporter of the Episcopal church being a past president of the Louisiana Episcopal Church as well as a past president of the Louisiana Episcopal Laymen and a Delegate to Episcopal Conventions.

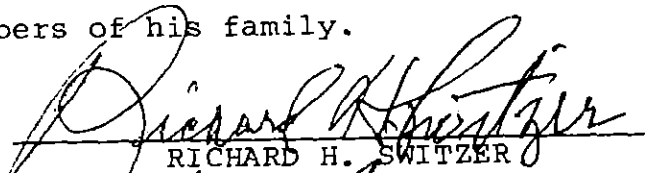
After practicing law for more than 50 years Val retired from the law firm and died in Shreveport on 21 December 1986.

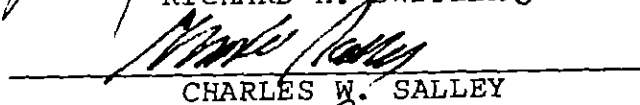
Val Irion was a superior lawyer and an honor to his profession. The dignified and friendly manner in which Val conducted his legal business and his high standards of ethics gained him much respect among his fellow lawyers, judges, litigants and witnesses. Val's friends and clients recognized and enjoyed his good sense of humor and his understanding of human nature. He had great common sense in addition to his knowledge of the law.

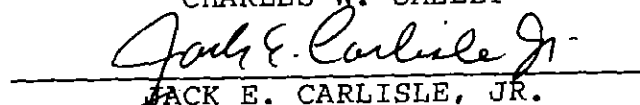
Val enjoyed training young lawyers and many Shreveport attorneys who worked for or with Val owe him much for their success in the legal profession.

Be it further resolved that we extend to the members of Val Irion's family our sincere and heart felt sympathy in his death, and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the First Judicial District Court as a final tribute to his outstanding service to his friends, law partners, church, community, state, and nation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this memorial be delivered to the immediate members of his family.

  
RICHARD H. SWITZER

  
CHARLES W. SALLEY

  
JACK E. CARLISLE, JR.