

IN MEMORY
OF
ELIAS GOLDSTEIN

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Born July 12, 1883 in Sallis, Mississippi, where his father, Samuel Goldstein, was mayor of the town. Family moved to Shreveport in 1888.

Graduated from high school in 1898 at the age of fifteen. Studied with Professor Byrd for one year until he was old enough to be accepted at Louisiana State University; then entered the sophomore class and was graduated in 1902. Was awarded the Bryan Medal for submitting the best essay on the Constitution of Louisiana. Attended Columbia University Law School, but was not able to remain to graduate due to the illness and subsequent death of his father. Completed his law studies in a law office in Shreveport. Admitted to Bar in 1907 and held the complete confidence of the courts and the respect and appreciation of the entire bar as an outstanding and able lawyer.

Married Fannie Levy of Port Gibson, Mississippi on June 9, 1909; survived by one daughter, Betty Goldstein Franklin; one grandson, George S. Franklin, Jr.

Engaged in the cotton business in Oklahoma until 1912 when he moved to Shreveport and entered active practice. In 1917 formed the partnership of Goldstein & Walker; in 1919 the firm became Blanchard, Goldstein & Walker; and in 1927 Blanchard, Goldstein, Walker & O'Quin, the name of the present firm.

Elias Goldstein had a lifelong interest in the welfare of children and young people, which first manifested itself when he was a student at Columbia University. He did volunteer social work in New York and instructed groups of immigrant boys in the English language.

He was a member of the Caddo Parish School Board and chairman of the Building and Finance Committee when Byrd High School was built. He worked for the repeal of the School Board policy against employing married women. He founded the Free Lunch and Milk Fund in Shreveport.

He was President of the Federated Charities (it is thought he was the first president; President of the

Shreveport Tuberculosis League; President of the Shreveport Bar Association; a member of the Board of Governors of the Louisiana Bar Association; President of the B'nai Zion Congregation; and a member of the Committee in Charge of Aliens during World War II.

He, together with the late Albert Steere, gave Betty Virginia Park to the people of Shreveport.

Elias Goldstein died on October 6, 1962. On his tombstone is inscribed: "He loved his fellow man better than himself, and left to his family the priceless heritage of an honored name."

Such is the bare outline of facts, which may be found in "Who's Who", describing our friend and colleague who has been called to his eternal reward and whose memory we here and now seek to honor. Such may be the extent of the record which history may perpetuate in time's distant future. But this description of the physical man, who has departed this life so recently, does not suffice for the memory of those who knew and loved him. To them the fullness of his life cannot be measured by the span of his years. The immortality of his soul is in the hands of his Maker. The immortality of his life and character is assured in the hearts of those who were privileged to come within the circle of his influence.

Elias Goldstein was a modest and reserved man, who demanded little of life save an opportunity to bring happiness to those who were near him and to serve his fellow man. He endeared himself to the hearts of those who knew him best for the nobility of his character, the breadth of his charity, the kindliness of his spirit, and sympathetic understanding, which characterized him indeed as a gentleman, as well as a gentle man.

Elias Goldstein was respected and admired by everyone who knew him, for his rugged honor and integrity which knew no code but that of right, truth and honesty. The monument of his influence on the circle which he touched in life will live in the hearts and memory of men long after the granite shaft, marking his resting place, has crumbled into dust. Of him it can be said: "Only the body has died and has been laid in the dust but the spirit lives and will live on" to bring comfort

and consolation to his loved ones and enrichment to the memory of his host of friends.

Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Shreveport Bar Association:

That, in the death of Elias Goldstein, there has passed one of its most eminent and respected members, who exemplified the highest ideals of the profession;

That, we extend to his family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement; and

That this resolution be filed as a part of the minutes of the Court and the association and copy thereof sent to the family of our friend and colleague.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry C. Walker, Jr.

Alex F. Smith

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Chairman