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IN MEMORIAM  
IRWIN I. MUSLOW

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Distinguished members of this Court and those of its sister courts, my colleagues of the Bar, particularly the Committee responsible for this Memorial Ceremony, to whom I thank for allowing me to participate, and the relatives and friends of those able men of the Bar memorialized today.

The occasion of a memorial to a lawyer, with a eulogy from a member of the Bar, tends to reflect the lawyer as he is seen by the Bench and Bar.

Today, however, it is my honor to place before you, the name of Irwin I. Muslow, Esquire, a lawyer whose tenure at the Bar is not one whose service has been measured by his accomplishments in the courtroom, but rather whose skills were honed in the activities of corporate affairs, primarily those relating to the petroleum industry, one of the most vital industries in Louisiana's economy.

Irwin graduated from Louisiana State University, with an A.B., in 1944 at the age of eighteen. After graduation, Irwin immediately entered the service of his country as a naval enlisted man. At the conclusion of World War Two, Irwin returned to Louisiana State University where he graduated from the law school in 1948, still yet a young man.

Irwin returned to his native city, Shreveport, and commenced the practice of mineral law, in which he was actively engaged for forty-nine years. During this extensive period of time, Irwin hardly had an equal. His activities regarding this important area of the law led him to be appointed to the Mineral Board in Louisiana, where he served with distinction. His knowledge of this field of law was legendary. He freely gave of his time in the instruction of others. As young lawyers turned to the lucrative field of oil and gas law, Irwin was ever helpful in advising them of the advances involved in this complex field. He taught them the intricacies of the various legal instruments reflective of the rights of the parties, as were, or should be set forth therein, for mineral law revolves within a contractual sphere of its own.

Some twenty-five years ago, Irwin developed a fondness for the political arena, not as an actor, but rather as a director. He had an unbelievable political following, who took his advice. A favorable word from him meant an assured vote, more often than not, a deciding factor. He would support his candidate with enthusiasm and it mattered not to him as to the candidate's race, sex or religious preference.

Irwin's personal qualities of gentleness and civility, coupled with his enormous public spirit, his wisdom, his patience, his judgment, his dignity and simplicity endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

Those who knew him could attest to his capacity for fun and story-telling, none of which was based, however, on either religion or morals, for his dedication to mankind would not permit the downloading of either.

He faced life's many challenges head on. Nothing was turned aside, or left for another day, as he firmly believed that pigeon holes are only for birds.

Irwin was born of noble stock. His parents, Dorothy Offer Muslow and Hyman Muslow, provided him with a sound head, an honest heart and a humble spirit.

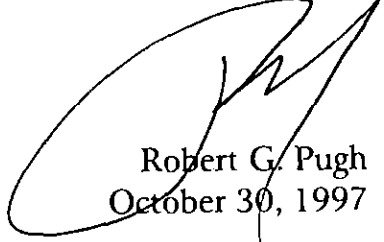
Irwin's beloved wife, with whom he spent thirty-nine happy and rewarding years, Hinda Finklestein Muslow, presented Irwin with two delightful daughters, Laurie D. Muslow, now an entertainment consultant in Los Angeles, California, and Sherri A. Muslow who followed her father into the law after finishing at Irwin's double alma mater, LSU. Irwin was a loving husband to Hinda, and a caring father to Laurie and Sherri.

Irwin was also survived by his brother, Marvin L. Muslow, and his first cousins, Dr. Ike Muslow, the Dean of the Louisiana State Medical School in Shreveport. and James Muslow.

Irwin was a life-long member of the Agudath Achim Synagogue, B'Nai Zion Temple, where he gave greatly of his resources, both physical and financial.

Irwin was truly a man dedicated to mankind. A great many people from all walks of life will miss him. The bell tolls for both our community and state.

Mr. Chief Judge Bryson, I move that the foregoing be memorialized by the placing of a copy thereof upon the minutes of this court so that others may know of his many deeds which were done for Irwin I. Muslow's fellow man.



Robert G. Pugh  
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