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MEMORIAL FOR JOHN E. LAWHON

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John E. Lawhon was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, November 24, 1910. He died in Shreveport, Louisiana June 26, 1998 at eighty seven years of age. He married Gladys Givens (whom he delightedly called "Happy Bottom" instead of Gladys) September 21, 1941. It was a union that lasted for fifty seven years until his death. Gladys Lawhon survived her husband only a few months passing away on October 15, 1998. They had no children. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Givens are present representing family and friends.

John E. Lawhon graduated from the old state school, that subsequently became Byrd High School, around 1928 and thereafter attended Virginia Military Institute, where he played football, and Centenary College. He graduated from Louisiana State University around 1936. He served as an infantry captain in the U.S. Army during World War II and participated in the Aleutian Island campaign to expell Japanese forces from Alaska. He attended Tulane University Law School after being discharged from the army and was admitted to the practice of law in 1946. Mr. Lawhon engaged in the general practice of law in Shreveport until he retired from active practice in 1976. Prior to retiring, he associated two young lawyers - Robert P. Waddel and Charles W. Kelly. Mr. Lawhon became "Of Counsel" and the firm became Waddel, Kelly and Lawhon.

John E. Lawhon was active in the organization and development of the American Rose Society and was one of the leaders in getting the American Rose Society to locate in Shreveport. He and his wife were avid gardeners maintaining Rose beds around their home, they also enjoyed traveling and maintained a winter home in Florida for many years. Mr. Lawhon was interested in science and took the rare step of donating his body to LSU Medical School.

John E. Lawhon undertook the practice of law relatively late in life, attending law school after

World War II, however he maintained a general practice of law for thirty years. He involved himself in the growth and development of Shreveport while maintaining an immense intellectual curiosity which reflects the highest ideals of the Shreveport Bar Association.