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IN MEMORIAM

JOHN GALLAGHER

By this memorial, we honor the late John Gallagher, born 1919, died 1978. No man's life is adequately pictured by a few words of eulogy. Certain it is that John will not be properly portrayed by these.

Sometimes, when we see ugliness, avarice, meanness, and greed all around us, we assume this to be life's pattern. This is not so. John's life epitomized opposite qualities. While we do not understand those events which combined to cause his sickness and death, we do understand that a good and kind man--a close and loyal friend--is gone. It is to this understanding we offer these words.

John Gallagher entered the private practice of law in Shreveport in 1948 and was active in that practice until his death. Among many with whom he was associated was the late Judge James R. Alexander. At the time of his death, he was a partner of Juvenile Judge-Elect Andrew Gallagher. Although his private practice was active, he was best known here and throughout the state for his service as a Shreveport City Attorney from 1952 until his death.

During this period, Shreveport has undergone monumental changes. History will judge that these changes were for the good or the bad. We think they were for the good. One stabilizing

force and moderating voice throughout this metamorphosis has been that of John Gallagher. His influence in restraining resistance and accepting change in difficult situations has played no small part in the success our city has had through periods as trying as any in its history. John loved this city. He served it well. We are a better city for his service.

John Gallagher was born 59 years ago in Superior, Wisconsin. After attending the University of Wisconsin, he entered the U. S. Marine Corps, where he served as a fighter pilot and was discharged a captain. During World War II, he married Sylvia Smith from Homer, Louisiana. After the war, he attended LSU Law School, where he graduated in 1948. He then entered the private practice of law in Shreveport and was so engaged at the time of his death. He has two daughters, Judy Netherton and Joanna Peterson, and two grandchildren, all of whom he loved deeply.

It may not be particularly noteworthy to love your own children and grandchildren. But the genuine interest he had in other people's children and grandchildren is quite remarkable. We cynically laugh at the W. C. Fields' dislike of children. Thank God for people like John Gallagher, who lacked this cynicism and simply loved children--as he loved so many people.

John's practice, both private and for the city, brought him in contact with many people in many places. I never cease to

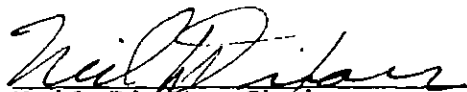
be amazed how many of these people have spoken to me about John, how he touched their lives. Their lives are richer for that touching.

More things can be said of John--his professional honors, his civil and religious activities, his love of sports, his keen sense of humor--but to the writers of this memorial, these attributes were eclipsed by his quality of gentle, unselfish kindness. Can more be said of many men?

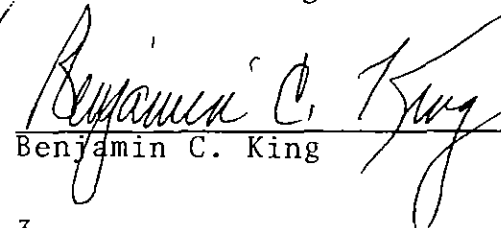
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we of the Shreveport Bar Association do, by this memorial, express our deep admiration and respect to John Gallagher;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend to the members of his family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his untimely death; that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the First Judicial District Court as a tribute to his gallant service to his country in time of war and his effective service to his city in trying times of change; and that a copy of this memorial be delivered to the immediate members of his family.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
Neil Dixon, Chairman

  
Andrew B. Gallagher

  
Benjamin C. King