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MEMORIAL TO

LEON O'QUIN

August 3, 1892 - August 27, 1979

Presented to the First Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for Caddo Parish by the undersigned Committee designated by the President of the Shreveport Bar Association to prepare and submit a resolution in memory of the late Leon O'Quin of Shreveport, a member of the Bar of this Court and of this Association.

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Leon O'Quin was born at Montgomery, Louisiana, on August 3, 1892. His father was John T. O'Quin and his mother was Clara Lane Hicks O'Quin. He lived at Natchitoches, Louisiana as a child and went to Jefferson Military College, a preparatory school, at Natchez, Mississippi. He then attended Washington and Lee College at Lexington, Virginia, and then the Louisiana State University Law School. He graduated from Law School and was admitted to practice in 1915, and commenced practice in Coushatta, Louisiana, which he continued until he joined the United States Army in 1917. He served as an officer in France and, when the war was over, he attended Sorbonne University until he returned home in 1920.

Upon returning, he joined the firm of Blanchard, Goldstein and Walker in Shreveport, Louisiana, of which firm he became a partner in 1923. He was a partner of that firm, which is now Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, until his death on August 27, 1979. He is survived by his nephew,

Thomas J. O'Quin, of Metairie, Louisiana; his grandnephew, John Claude O'Quin, of Austin, Texas; and his cousin, Mrs. B. P. Causey, of Shreveport, Louisiana.

We would here record him as essentially a legal scholar engaged in practicing law. In study and research he worked alone, totally absorbed in exploring, in his thought, every aspect and possibility of his subject, and in searching out every precedent and authority that could bear upon it. His process of forming an opinion precluded any doubt in his mind of its soundness. Although dispassionate and impartial in forming his opinion, once it was formed he was fiercely partisan in asserting and defending it.

He was a very private man with a strong sense of personal dignity. He did not seek, nor welcome, casual company, but was a staunch and loyal friend.

Reverend Robert Park well and truly said of Leon O'Quin, at his funeral:

"His religion was his profession and his profession was his life, and he brought to that profession a single-minded devotion to excellence that marks the nobler forms of human endeavor, and of him it may be said,

'In all that swift and changing scene,
He nothing common did, or mean.'"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, do hereby record the respect and regard in which we held Leon O'Quin for his character, industry and skill, and for his exemplification of the value of scholarship in the practice of our profession.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this memorial resolution to Leon O'Quin be entered in the records of this Court, and that copies be delivered to the members of his family.

Malcolm W Feist

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Robert Roberts Jr

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Marlin Risinger, Jr., Chairman