

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

HONORING

REUBEN WHITE EGAN

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TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MEMBERS OF THE BAR, MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF REUBEN WHITE EGAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

We come to pay our last honors and tribute to the memory of one of our most esteemed, dedicated and aggressive members of the legal profession.

Reuben White Egan was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on July 15, 1925 to James Cronan Egan and Lillian Myers Egan. He went to that house not made with hands eternal in the heaven, having died on May 22, 1987 in the G. C. Morton Hospital at Wadley Cancer Research Institute in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Egan is survived by his wife, Jasmine Fleming Egan, and one son, Reuben David Egan, both of Shreveport, and one daughter, Beverly Egan Houston and one grandson, Brett Egan Houston, of Dallas, Texas, two brothers, James C. Egan of Shreveport, Ed Egan of Lagun Hills, California and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Castelberry of Dallas, Texas.

Reuben was a graduate of C. E. Byrd High School and Centenary College. After receiving the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and returning from World War II in 1945 as a veteran of the United States Army Air Force, he entered L.S.U. Law School and received his LL.B in 1950. He married Jasmine on June 14, 1950.

Mr. Egan was a member of the Shreveport Bar Association from September 20, 1950 until his death. He maintained law offices in the Lane Building continuously for over thirty (30) years. At his demise, Mr. Egan was the senior partner in the firm of Egan & Cook.

Reuben was a most colorful individual, having many varied interests. He loved gardening, raising his own vegetables and flowers. He took a special pride in seeing things grow. He also liked to relax by fishing and oil painting.

He loved the arts and performed in Little Theatre Productions. He appeared in a movie version of the all time best-selling novel, "Shepherd of the Hills", which was filmed in the Missouri Ozarks in 1962. Dr. James Middleton, then pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, played the title role as the "Shepherd", and Reuben played the role of the "Shepherd's Son".

Mr. Egan was well known in many civic areas of his community. In 1960 he was president of Shreveport Citizens for Better Government. He was on the Board of Directors of the Shreveport Symphony Society, Travelers Aid Society, Volunteers of America and American Legion. He served with distinction as president of the Shreveport Junior Chamber of Commerce and as vice-president and director of Young Men's Business.

He joined the Downtown Shreveport Lions club in August of 1971 and eagerly worked in all of its civic projects. Reuben found a child in South America that desperately needed orthopedic treatment, so he arranged to have him sent to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children in Shreveport.

He loved music and served on the Board of Directors of the Shreveport Symphony Society. His interest in music had been

aroused by his wife, Jasmine, who was in the School of Music at L.S.U. when he met her. She was to have pursued a brilliant opera career when she married Reuben, settling in Shreveport and raising a family. She did continue on with her career with Reuben often serving as her agent.

Reuben was a member of the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club, one of the many clubs of Toastmasters International devoted to better thinking, speaking and communications. He was a constant competitor winning many oratory honors and first places in speaking.

He had been a member for well over thirty years and was well known for his saying "You only graduate from Toastmasters by your own conceit."

Reuben W. Egan will be long remembered for his courage and as a fighter. He was a fighter as an individual and professionally as an advocate. After he found that he had terminal cancer in December of 1985 and he needed to write a brief for an important case in Federal Court, he virtually converted his hospital room into a satellite law office, having many, many law books brought into his hospital room. He constantly wrote and had pages shuttled to his law office in the Lane Building to be typed.

When this Chairman visited him at the G. C. Morton Hospital at the Wadley Cancer Research Institute in Dallas, Texas on a Saturday and the information office was closed, upon inquiring as to his room number from a security guard, he said "Reuben Egan, that's a fighter. Some of the patients go into a corner and hide and sulk, not Reuben Egan, he stays in there and fights."

On October 14, 1986 he wrote me a rather lengthy letter which concluded with the following:

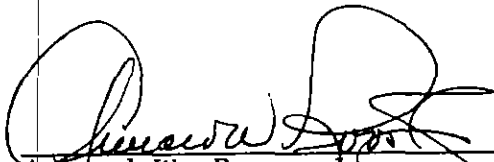
" In early December following one of my first major operations in Shreveport, my little wife was advised that I had only three weeks to live. With this prognosis weighing upon her -- that I would be dead approximately one week before Christmas -- this courageous, amazingly strong woman greeted me as I came out of the recovery room -- smiling! From that day to this, she has projected nothing but cheerfulness and optimism. In January, when I was transferred on a stretcher via helicopter to the Wadley Institute in Dallas, Jasmine moved in with me and stayed on a twenty-four hour per day basis. She did not see her home nor Shreveport for nearly seven months. She became my head nurse and supervised every treatment proffered by the excellent medical staff at Morton Hospital of the Wadley Institute. When I was able to eat, at first just a teaspoon full at a time, she prepared my food exclusive of any other and is still doing so following a strict macrobiotic diet. All the while that I was so precariously ill, she devoted her total concentration to my recovery. Many have expressed their understanding that Jasmine was not emotionally able to keep in touch with everyone when there was so little of encouragement that she could say.

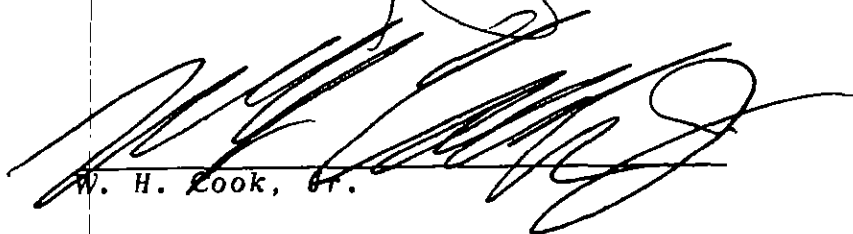
I owe this reprieve to God, Jasmine, my excellent doctors and nurses in Shreveport and Dallas, and to all of my many friends who encouraged me through all. Thanks to you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely yours,
Reuben W. Egan"

We move that the sympathy and condolences of the Shreveport Bar Association be extended to Mr. Egan's wife, his son, his daughter, his two brothers and his sister; that copies of this Memorial Resolution be provided to each of them; and that it be entered upon the records of the First Judicial District Court and of this Association as a testimonial of the affection and respect the members of the legal profession in Shreveport, Louisiana have for Reuben White Egan.

Respectfully submitted,


Armand W. Roos, Jr.


W. H. Cook, Sr.


Leon M. Pliner, Chairman
for the Memorial Committee