

IN MEMORIAM

JUDGE JAMES U. GALLOWAY

JUNE 15, 1899 ----- JUNE 21, 1957

We, the undersigned committee, designated by the President of the Shreveport Bar Association to prepare and submit the resolution to the memory of the late James Ulon Galloway, Judge of the First Judicial District Court, on this occasion, submit the following:

James U. Galloway was born in Morris County, Texas, on June 15, 1899, the son of James and Mary Perkins Galloway. His family moved to Vivian, Louisiana, where he graduated from the local High School in 1914. He immediately entered Louisiana State University, receiving his B. A. Degree in 1918 and Bachelor of Laws degree in 1920. His formal education was temporarily interrupted during World War I while he served his country as a Lieutenant of Infantry. After graduation, he began the practice of law in the City of Shreveport.

In 1922, he was appointed Assistant City Attorney, a position he filled with distinction until January 1, 1926, when he resigned and formed a partnership with the late William Nash Johnson.

In 1930, he was elected District Attorney of Caddo Parish. His fairness and outstanding service were recognized when he was re-elected in 1936 despite the opposition of the then reigning political faction in the State of Louisiana. The confidence expressed by the citizens of Caddo Parish under the circumstance, was a fitting tribute to the

character and record of an able and faithful public servant.

True to his promise on the occasion of his first election as District Attorney, he retired from public service at the expiration of his second term in 1942 and resumed the practice of law in this city.

When a vacancy occurred in the First District Court in 1944, he responded to the plea of many attorneys to offer himself for this office. He was elected by a large majority and thereafter returned to the office for two succeeding terms without opposition.

Long ago it was said by Socrates that four things belong to a Judge: to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly and to decide impartially. No Judge, trial or appellate, in our experience, more completely exemplified these qualities than Judge Galloway.

He had an outstanding ability and capacity for analyzing facts and applying the applicable legal principles. One had only to listen to his oral reasons for judgment or to read the written opinions which were so often adopted by the Appellate Courts, to appreciate the careful and scholarly consideration he always gave to every factual and legal issue presented for decision.

The dignified manner in which he conducted the business of the Court, his sense of honor and integrity in all matters, and his high standard of ethics in his relations with lawyers, litigants and witnesses, were among his outstanding qualities as a Judge. We shall always remember the courtesy and consideration he showed to counsel, litigants and witnesses in the course of any trial. The rare combination of all of these qualities, caused him to be recognized by so many attorneys as the outstanding jurist of his

time in the State of Louisiana.

A 33rd Degree Mason, he was active during his entire life in all branches of Masonry, having been honored with the highest rank in the Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies. He was also a past Potentate of El Karubah Shrine.

Judge Galloway is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sydney Barrow Galloway, and three sons, James U. Galloway, Jr., Edgar Galloway and Sidney B. Galloway, the last named being a member of the Shreveport Bar.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That We, of the Shreveport Bar Association, do hereby express our deep admiration and respect to the late Judge James U. Galloway, whose ideals and standards of Honor and Justice are worthy of the emulation of every member of the Bench and Bar.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to the members of his family, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy, in his untimely death, and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the First Judicial District Court, as a final tribute to his outstanding public service to his community and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Memorial be delivered to the immediate members of his family.


Edwin L. Blewer


Sidney M. Cook


John R. Pleasant - Chairman