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IN MEMORY OF  
ROBERT J. MOFFATT

The undersigned, by appointment of the Shreveport Bar Association, submits this memorial to the Memory of Robert J. Moffatt, a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association for more than forty years, who departed this life on October 19, 1997 at the age of 79 years.

Robert J. Moffatt was born September 9, 1918 in Kansas City, Missouri, but grew up in Pecos County and in San Antonio, Texas. He resided continuously in Shreveport for the past fifty years, until his death. He graduated in 1941 from the University of Texas with a B.S. in Geology. In 1954 he was admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana.

He entered the service of his country in World War II as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers. After his military discharge he came to Shreveport for the practice geology in our area. He first worked for one of the predecessor companies of what is now Exxon Corporation, but after a few years decided to become an Independent Geologist.

When he passed the Louisiana Bar in 1954 he successfully combined his practice of Geology with that of law, and soon became recognized in practice before the Louisiana State Conservation Commission, the Texas Railroad Commission, and the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission. In his representation of corporate and individual clients before those commissions he brought to successful conclusion numerous disputes involving unitization and pooling questions, some of which were very complex oil and gas problems. He will long be remembered for these efforts. What is not well known is that he frequently did not charge an aggrieved landowner who could not pay for his services.

In addition to the Shreveport Geological Society, he was an active member of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, the State of Arkansas Board of Professional Geologists, the Louisiana State Bar Association, The American Legion, and the Petroleum Club of Shreveport. He was a Life Member of the BPO Elks.

Those of us who knew Bob Moffatt knew him as a real "down-to-earth" philosopher who would tell you what he thought at the drop of a hat. Typical of his expressions are remembered by one of his sons: "You have to like the person you see in the mirror", and "People know you by what they see; God judges you by what you do".

If there is any one attribute which characterizes Bob Moffatt it would be the lack of pretension which was so well expressed in a letter sent to his family after his death - from a daughter. "Daddy wanted his girls to be strong, independent women and ladies at all times. He knew that the key to strength was education ....he had little patience for sitting around and doing nothing." And this from another daughter: "What I treasure most about my dad was his humor, his stories and jokes - his smile said it all - his salty language and multitude of sayings. In good times and bad there was always a joy to be found and a laugh to be shared." Incidentally, all of his four children received college degrees, a remarkable accomplishment in any father's family.

The writer has a particular personal remembrance. I appointed him to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal matter. He competently represented this person until another attorney appeared before the Court to enroll as his counsel, at which point, Bob asked to be relieved. The Court record

will show that my response was, "Mr. Moffatt, it is with the greatest reluctance that I relieve you as counsel for this defendant." Silent contempt best expresses what was seen in the Courtroom that day and Bob Moffatt never let me forget how I responded on his behalf. I will always remember him as a true friend.

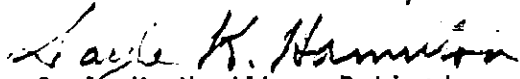
All of his friends and acquaintances recall his stories, his salty language, his humor, his plain-spokenness, and his unpretentiousness.

As a friend, as a husband, as a father, as a man, I know none to rival Bob Moffatt. He never aspired to political distinction. He was content to pursue throughout his life the honorable and responsible business of oil and gas through Geology and Law. In his advanced years he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all honest men. The noble virtue of this private gentleman cannot be the less appreciated because he adorned a circle where he shone only in common with those around him. From such men radiates that open-hearted honesty which permeates society and teaches by example, and which often rebukes the laxity of those who from loftier positions ought to set examples. Bob Moffatt sought to purify the atmosphere polluted by the corruptions of men prominent before the nation for distinguished abilities, and for equally distinguished immoralities. In short, he was a loyal and true friend and his word was his bond.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Smith (Smitty) Moffatt; a daughter, Mary Moffatt Clark and husband, James R. Clark, Jr. of Houston; a daughter, Margaret Moffatt Halliburton, of San Antonio; a son, Charles D. Moffatt and wife, Sarah Moffat of Austin; a son, Robert J. Moffatt, Jr., and wife, Marcia W. Moffatt of Shreveport. He is also survived by eight grandchildren,

Margaret Sula, Meredith Clark, Tre' Halliburton, Ashley Halliburton,  
Elizabeth Moffatt, Charlie Moffatt, Lacey Moffatt and Rob Moffatt.

It is respectfully requested that a copy of this memorial summation of  
Bob Moffatt's life be placed upon the minutes of the First Judicial District  
Court, and that a copy be delivered to his family.

  
Judge Gayle K. Hamilton, Retired