MEMORIAL RESOLUTION TO HONOR CLARENCE O. INGRAM

Clarence O. Ingram was born in Tellico, Tennessee on September 28, 1919 to Luther and Cordelia Rogers Ingram and was raised along with his younger brother Austin and two sisters Nan Mae and Lucille in East Tennessee. During his life, he recalled having been baptized in a local creek by a Baptist Pastor and having been raised in the Baptist faith. He graduated from Madisonville High School and decided that he would attend the forerunner to Iowa State University (Iowa State College) in the fall of 1940. This young East Tennessean traveled to Ames, Iowa where he majored in Forestry for one semester. He later returned to Tennessee and attended Hiwassee Junior College. While Clarence was going to college, the world was going to war.

As a consequence, Clarence and his younger brother volunteered for military service before the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor. In February of 1941, Clarence and Austin traveled to Nashville where they enlisted together in the United States Marines Corp. Both of the Ingram brothers served as members of the Marine Raiders which later became the 6th Marine Division. Prior to America's entry into World War II, Clarence saw duty in New York where he stood guard over the Brooklyn Naval Shipyard, and later at a lighthouse at Fort. Laffett, where he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Clarence and his brother were sent to Oceanside, California and the two brothers expected to fight side by side against the Japanese. However, when the five Sullivan brothers were all killed at sea, and President Roosevelt ordered that brothers would not be permitted to fight in the same unit, Clarence and Austin became separated.

Later, Staff Sgt. Clarence O. Ingram fought alongside thousands of other young brave men, many of whom lost their lives in the Pacific Theater. For so long as the Marine Raiders existed, Clarence served as a member of the Shock Troops who were selected to attack in the first wave against the Imperial Japanese at Guam, Okinawa, and New Iberia. Clarence was awarded several Presidential Citations for his valiant and brave service before being Honorably Discharged from active duty at the end of the war.

Following World War II, Clarence Ingram attended and graduated from the Cumberland Law School at Lebanon, Tennessee with a L.L.B. degree, and he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee in 1951. Mr. Ingram married his first wife, Bessie Sims Ingram, and together they became the proud parents of Gary O. Ingram who still resides in Donelson, Tennessee and Carol Hudson who resides in Old Hickory, Tennessee. Clarence also became the proud grandfather of five grandchildren. Widowed from Bessie in 1982, Clarence Ingram later became married to Jane Keller Ingram in 1984.

Mr. Ingram maintained a general civil law practice serving both as a trial lawyer and as a real estate lawyer with offices in the Donelson community for more than 30 years. His law practice was such that he also found himself handling family law cases, probate matters and other various legal problems for people living out in the suburbs and surrounding counties. He is remembered by those who knew him as a kind and thoughtful man who possessed a high degree of character and unquestionable integrity.
In the twilight of his professional life, he moved his office to LaVergne, Tennessee where he limited his practice to banking and real estate matters. His interest in real estate was, in part, sparked by the fact that in addition to being a lawyer he had also achieved the designation of licenced real estate agent and licenced real estate broker. Among his hobbies were remodeling his own property and doing maintenance work of various types. He also enjoyed taking care of his pets. While some folks are cat people and some just like dogs, Clarence Ingram loved them both and some might say he considered their company far superior to the company of some people. Although, he was known as an individualist who marched to his own drummer and preferred not to join the numerous associations that were available to him, Clarence O. Ingram traveled through life setting an example of self-reliance and independent achievement for those people who knew him.

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to honor the memory of Clarence O. Ingram, who became deceased at the age of 81 years on September 8, 2001, we, the Memorial Committee For Clarence O. Ingram, do herewith unanimously request that this Memorial Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the office of the Clerk and Master for Davidson County, Tennessee, this 21st day of November, 2002.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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