

RESOLUTIONS ON PRESENTATION OF A PLAQUE  
TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AT  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, IN HONOR OF THE  
HONORABLE WYNNE F. CLOUSE

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The following Resolutions in honor of Honorable Wynne F. Clouse are respectfully submitted by the Committee appointed by the Nashville Bar Association to present to the District Court of the United States at Nashville, Tennessee, a plaque in honor of Mr. Clouse:

WHEREAS, Wynne F. Clouse, who died February 19, 1944, introduced and sponsored the Bill creating a new Court to hold for the Middle District of Tennessee, while himself a Member of Congress from the Fourth District of Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, the said Wynne F. Clouse has contributed so much by his life and efforts to the Bar of Tennessee, and has done so much in the public interest and in the interest of the Bar of Tennessee that it is appropriate that some fitting testimonial as to his life and memory be presented to the United States District Court at Nashville, Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, the said Wynne F. Clouse was born at Cofton, Tennessee, on August 29, 1883, the son of Thomas Jefferson and Euneta Clouse. He was graduated from Cumberland University in 1912 with the degree of LL.B. and married Linnie Alice Dowell December 24, 1907. He had one daughter, Geneva Eunetta, now Mrs. H. H. Mayberry, Jr. He practiced law in Cookeville for many years and was active in State politics, being a prominent member of the Republican Party. He became a candidate for Congress from the Fourth District of Tennessee, defeating the Honorable Cordell Hull in the

so-called "Harding landslide" of 1920. He served in the 67th Congress (1921-1923) in which session there were five Republican members of the Tennessee delegation of ten. Mr. Hull was returned in the next Congress, and Mr. Clouse was appointed referee in bankruptcy for the Middle Tennessee District by the late Federal District Judge John J. Gore, serving in that capacity from 1926 until 1940. While in Congress, Mr. Clouse introduced and sponsored the Bill creating a new court to hold for the Middle District of Tennessee. At the time this Bill was introduced, the judge holding court for the Eastern District of Tennessee also held court for the Middle District of Tennessee. Mr. Clouse recommended to the President the appointment of the Honorable John J. Gore, who was appointed by President Harding to preside over this court and whose nomination was duly confirmed by Congress. Mr. Clouse served as a special assistant United States Attorney-General. He was, for a time, receiver for the Tennessee Central Railroad, and he served as Referee in Bankruptcy for the Nashville and Columbia Divisions of the Middle District of Tennessee. He was widely known as an advocate and highly respected for his judgment and high ethical standards. His home at the time of his death was near Franklin, Tennessee. He died February 19, 1944.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION: That the Bar of the Middle District of Tennessee lost one of its most valued members in the death of Mr. Clouse. That his contribution to the Bar as well as the citizens of the Middle District of Tennessee will long be remembered and appreciated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That in appreciation of his services both as a member of Congress and as a member of the Bar of this District, it is considered most appropriate that a plaque in honor of his memory be presented to the Court which, through his efforts, was created to serve the Middle District of Tennessee, and that this plaque furnished by the family of Mr. Clouse and presented by the Nashville Bar Association be placed upon the wall in the United States District Court at Nashville as a permanent recognition of the services and contributions of the said Wynne F. Clouse in the creation of this Court and his contribution to the Bar and to society in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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