

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF JOHN KELLY KYLE

It is with a deep sense of honor and appreciation that your committee has prepared for your consideration and approval the following resolution:

WHEREAS, with the untimely death of John Kelly Kyle the Nashville Bar has lost one of its most capable and respected members and now enters upon the permanent record this memorializing statement.

John Kelly Kyle was born on May 5, 1923, in Lyons, Mississippi, the son of Hiram Frank Kyle and Mary Katherine Kyle.

The family moved to Memphis, Tennessee, while John was still an infant and he received his primary education in the public school there, graduating from Southside High School.

On December 25, 1942, John married Mary Adeline McClure who survives him along with their three children, John Kelly II, Pennsy Sue and Rise Ann.

The following year he entered the Army Air Corps and served his country with honor and distinction in Europe during World War II. While acting as a gunner and photographer in a B-24, John's aircraft was downed behind enemy lines and he and the other crew members were forced to parachute to safety. With the aid of pro-Allied citizens John was able to make his way back to friendly territory without being captured.

Following his separation from the service in 1945 he continued his education for some three years at Memphis State. He also attended the University of Southern California for a year while holding down a full-time job.

John had always had a keen interest in the law and shared the same name with one of his relatives, the distinguished past Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mississippi. This interest was pursued with relish by John and he graduated from Southern Law School in 1955 and was immediately admitted to the practice of law in the State of Tennessee.

Following several years with the Traveler's Insurance Company in Memphis and Jackson, Tennessee, John entered the active practice of law in Nashville and became an Assistant Public Defender, a post he still most ably filled at the time of his death.

Everyone who ever practiced with John Kelly Kyle respected him for his legal ability as well as his keen sense of competition. He was a competitor, be it in the courtroom, on the baseball diamond or golf course. As a young man, John played as a catcher on various baseball teams in the Memphis area. In recent years, any clear day would find John on the golf course practicing his favorite game and second love.

However, his first love was always his family. He was devoted to his wife Mary and was as proud a father to his son and daughters as there ever was on earth. John always placed his family before all else and was deeply grieved by the death of

his brother, Dr. Charles Kyle, in Memphis only some few months before his own.

With the passing of John Kelly Kyle, we have all suffered a great loss.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Nashville Bar Association assembled for this memorial service on this the 1st day of May, 1978, that we, his fellow lawyers, do hereby pay our deep respects to his memory, express our grateful acknowledgment for the contribution which he made to our profession and our community and say to his loved ones that we have enjoyed his friendship and love.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of our association, and that a copy of the same be transmitted to the family.

This the 1st day of May, 1978.

James Tyre Havron

Sam Wallace, Sr.
