

**RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE LATE
JOSEPH CARLTON LOSER, JR.**

BORN JUNE 16, 1932

**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW BEFORE THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT
AUGUST 1, 1959**

DIED MAY 11, 2014

This year saw the passing of a very talented lawyer, a distinguished jurist and a law school dean of extraordinary ability and foresight. These were the positions and qualities of our friend and colleague, Joe Loser, Jr. He was widely respected by students, lawyers, fellow members of the judiciary, and all who knew and worked with him.

Joe was born in the years of the Great Depression, to J. Carlton Loser and Pearl Dean Loser. Along with sisters, Dorothy Dean Loser and Margy Ann Loser Gass, he was educated in the Davidson County Public Schools. He attended Battle Ground Academy, Montgomery Bell Academy, The University of Tennessee, and Vanderbilt University before receiving his J.D. degree from the Nashville YMCA Night Law School, as it was known before he later renamed it the Nashville School of Law. During his life of almost 82 years, he spent over half of it in one capacity or another with the United States Air Force.

He married Mildred Nichols Loser, fondly known by all as Millie, and they had one child, Joseph Carlton Loser, III, most often referred to as "Chip," born of this marriage.

Following law school and his admission to practice law before the Tennessee Supreme Court in 1959, he began his private practice of law before successfully running for office as Judge of Part I of the General Sessions Court in 1966. Only three years later, in 1969, Governor Buford Ellington elevated him to Judge of the Third Circuit Court for Davidson County, where he underwent three elections without opposition before retiring on August 31, 1986. While Judge

of the Third Circuit Court, he served three years as Presiding Judge of the Circuit Courts of Davidson County and one year as Presiding Judge of all trial courts of record in Davidson County. His distinguished judicial career also included service as Special Disciplinary Counsel for the Tennessee Court of the Judiciary, Special Judge of the Tennessee Court of Appeals and Special Judge of the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals. His professional memberships and awards are too numerous to mention.

Retirement did not last long for Joe. That same year, in 1986, he was selected as the fourth Dean of what was then known as the YMCA Night Law School, the same institution he graduated from just 27 years earlier. He set about immediately to change its name to the Nashville School of Law. Under Dean Loser's leadership, the Nashville School of Law saw two relocations and a substantial increase in enrollment.

Shortly before his death, Dean Loser, as he is now remembered, announced his retirement as Dean of the Nashville School of Law, after leading it for almost 28 years. As plans were underway to honor his many achievements at the school's annual dinner in June of 2014, Dean Loser passed to his eternal reward on May 11, 2014.


We remember today an exceptional man who made many tremendous contributions to not only the Nashville legal profession, but the Nashville Community as a whole. Joe Loser was a role model for his colleagues, the faculty, and law students. He inspired, demanded and expected excellence; but, above all, he was a perfect gentleman. His was a productive life, for which we are the beneficiaries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association that, in the life of Joseph Carlton Loser, Jr., we have been blessed. In his death, we have sustained a great loss, but will always cherish his memory;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Memorial Resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Association and entered in the "In Memoriam" minute book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee and that copies hereof be furnished to the family of Joe Loser.

This 20th day of November, 2014.

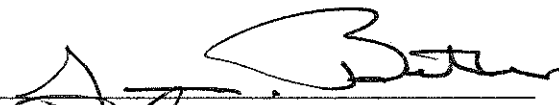
Respectfully submitted,



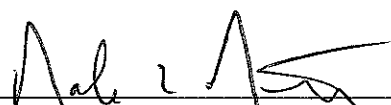
William C. Koch, Jr.



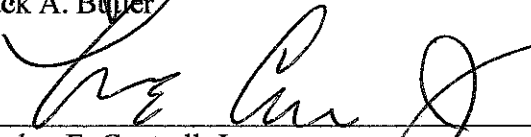
Thomas I. Carlton, Jr.



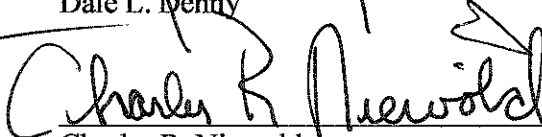
Jack A. Butler



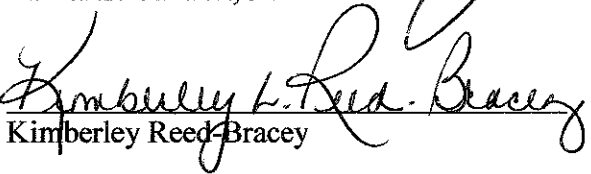
Dale L. Denny



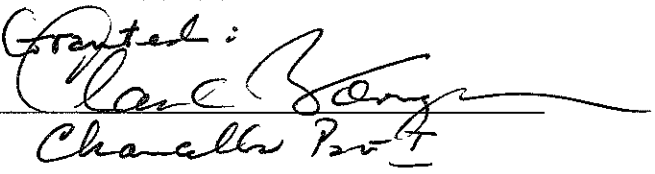
Luther E. Cantrell, Jr.



Charles R. Niewold



Kimberley Reed Bracey



Chancell Proff