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RESOLUTION

Miller Manier was born in Nashville, on January 15, 1897, the son of Will R. and Mary Owsley Manier. He attended local grade schools and received a B.S. degree from Vanderbilt in 1917, and his L.L.B., in 1920. He passed the bar examination and began the practice of law with his brother in the firm of Manier and Crouch, later to be known as Manier, White, Herod, Hollabaugh and Smith.

He was married to the former Ada Childers on March 8, 1956. He was a flying cadet; A.S. Aeronautics; U.S. Army in 1917 and 1918; Lieutenant Commander U.S.N.R. from 1942 to 1952, and was on active duty in 1944 and 1945. He was a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, member of the American Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, and served as Secretary of the Nashville Bar Association. He was a member of the American Judicature Society, Veterans of Foreign Wars, President of Probate Attorneys Association, Commerical Law League of America, American College of Trial Lawyers, and the American Legion. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Chairman of the Board of Stewards of his Methodist Church, and a member of the Rotary Club and Elk's Club.

Miller died on December 18, 1986, and was survived by his wife and a sister, Mrs. W. P. Cooper.

Miller was active in the local courtrooms, and in the interest of our profession. He served as an instructor at the Y.M.C.A. Law School from 1924 to 1953.

An amazing note on his early interest was the fact that he learned to fly an aeroplane before he learned to drive an automobile.

Miller was disciplined to all the proper standards and restraints of a gentleman. Quiet and inobtrusive, he moved among his friends and associates with a calm and dignified manner which attracted warm relationships. His sense of humility was such that he was inclined to waive personal rights and to descend to a lower plane than might have been his due. He was not one to charge into controversies with a sword of command and stubborn contention, but he would stand by his conclusion with quiet, but firm, convictions. Reserve was one of the elements of his strength. This characteristic was accompanied by a usual cheerfulness, an infectious grin and a wry sense of humor. He was easy to know and he enjoyed his friendships. He minimized personal vanities and was not given to effusive or gushy compliments. His personality was as plain and natural as were his tastes. They both scorned pretense. He possessed an evenness of soul which commanded politeness. He had the ability to contradict with respect and to agree without adulation. He preferred to order his conversation deportment in a manner most likely to be agreeable, but he would not compromise frankness to gain approval.

Miller never claimed honors, and when they came to him, as they did, they found a quiet and humble acceptance.

As a lawyer, he maintained a modest but firm dependence upon his own capabilities, efforts and talents and sought to

strengthen them by study and examination. He invited the thoughts and opinions of others to test his own, but he never leaned upon them as an easy substitute. He was a slave to meticulous preparation.

In his consideration of facts, he had the capacity and faculty of reason which enabled him with facility, celerity and clearness to compare one with another so as to draw the conclusions to be subjected to the application of the law. He had an unusual patience with facts.

To his judgment in the latter, he brought academic and professional training, experience and a common sense, which gave his advocacy a peculiar strength.

In the courtroom, he exercised a studied courteousness of demeanor toward his adversaries and a deep respect for the Court. He had neither a hasty temper, nor a rough tongue. On the contrary, he would pursue a calm persistence in the protection of confidence in his position, once it was taken.

To his professional endeavors, he continuously dedicated a wisely directed diligence and energy in a tireless fashion and never hesitated because of its burden. His deep appreciation of the confidence of his client urged the limits of his professional ability.

His deep and sincere appreciation for the opportunities, which his profession had accorded him was, over all his professional years, manifested by a working interest in contribution to its welfare. He was active in its various associations and programs.

As a man, his faith was simple, steady and unshakeable as his unpretentious personality and his belief in the rewards of hard work.

Miller Manier was a credit to the Nashville Bar, and to this community.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

That we, his fellow members of the profession do express our deep sense of loss by his death, and

That we acknowledge the contribution which he made to our profession and to our community, and, Be it further resolved:

That a copy of this resolution be entered upon the permanent record of the Nashville Bar Association, and that

The Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Mrs. Manier.

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1987.

*W. E. Herod*  
CHAIRMAN

*Jack Norman*

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ATTEST:

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