

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

JOSEPH O'BRYAN MARTIN

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1983, Joseph Martin died at the age of 79 years, and it is fit and proper that a resolution honoring his memory be adopted; and,

WHEREAS, words are inadequate to convey the loss felt at his death, but some memorial should be made of the life he lived and of his accomplishments, the facts being in part these:

He was born in Robertson County, Tennessee, on January 11, 1904. In 1925 he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Vanderbilt University, and was admitted to the Bar of Tennessee that same year.

In 1926, he married the former Nettie Wade, who died prematurely in 1949. He later married the former Katherine Culbert who died in 1976 after 25 years of marriage. In 1977, Joe married the former Mary Terecia Price Wade, and they enjoyed 6 years together until his death. One consequence of Joe's three marriages was that he was kin to nearly everyone. He enjoyed that. He took particular pride in the accomplishments of his son, Joseph Martin, Jr., who practiced law with him, and his 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Joe was a man of faith. He was uncomfortable, though, with facile expressions of piety and with pat answers to important questions which faith raises. His appreciation of the limits of human knowledge and his respect for the infinitude of the Almighty precluded that. Still, his faith in and reverence for God continued to the end of his days.

From his admission to the bar in 1925, until the day of his death, he was active in the practice of law in Nashville. In

1942 he formed a partnership with Carmack Cochran and that partnership continued until Carmack's death in 1978. Throughout his more than 57 years of law practice, he exemplified honesty, forthrightness, independence, vigorous representation of the interests of his clients, disciplined study of the law and scrupulous adherence to ethical standards.

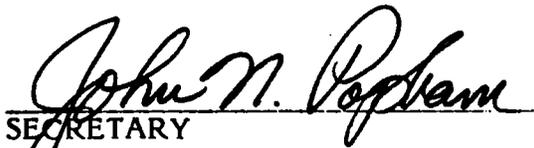
If you encountered Joe only in a professional context you met a dogged and unyielding negotiator, a frown on a face of granite from which issued short, gruff utterances. But if you were one of the happy few joining him and Mary for brunch on a sunny, October Saturday just before the kickoff of a Vanderbilt home football game, you knew a different Joe. When you arrived you were greeted by a smile which lit up his whole face. From that greeting until he rushed you off to catch the shuttle bus to the game, he revelled in the role of host, fussing over your every need and contending fiercely over the probable outcome of the college games of that day and the professional games of the next. The society of his friends and family was for him a continuing source of joy and pleasure all his life.

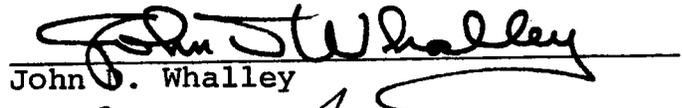
He is and will be sorely missed.

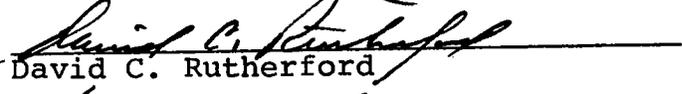
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association in this assembly met that it hereby expresses to the community and to his family its sorrow and sense of loss at the death of Joseph Martin, that these resolutions should be adopted as an inadequate statement of the regard in which he was held, and that to perpetuate these resolutions, they should be spread upon the minutes of the Memorial Book of the Association.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED
NOVEMBER 13, 1984

Respectfully submitted,


SECRETARY


John D. Whalley


David C. Rutherford


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