

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
FOR
ATHENS CLAY PULLIAS**

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Athens Clay Pullias, a long-time member of this Association, died on March 25, 1985, at the age of 74. Although his career had been in the fields of education and religion, he had been trained as a lawyer and maintained a keen interest in legal and constitutional issues.

A native of Sumner County, he was the son of John G. and Margaret Leath Pullias. He received his early education in the public schools of that County and later attended David Lipscomb College which at that time was a two-year institution. He earned both the Bachelor of Arts and the LL.B. Degrees from Cumberland University in Lebanon, and the Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Vanderbilt University. He was also awarded an honorary doctorate degree by Cumberland. He was admitted to the Bar in 1930, after having his disability of minority removed by the Court in order to qualify for admission.

He was married to Frances Newby of Lebanon and they were the parents of one son, Athens Clay Pullias, Jr., who lives in New Orleans.

Dr. Pullias became associated with David Lipscomb College in 1934 and served for a period of 12 years as instructor, executive assistant, and Vice-President. In 1946 he was elected President and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1977 when he was designated President Emeritus.

During his service at David Lipscomb the College grew from a small, two-year institution to a strong, fully accredited four-year college. He took particular pride and interest in the alumni of Lipscomb who elected to study law and in their subsequent careers as practicing attorneys.

Although his major attention was devoted to academic matters, Dr. Pullias found time to serve the wider community in various ways. In 1966 he was appointed by Governor Clement to Chair the Tennessee Tax Study Commission and later served as Chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Question 3 and the Citizens' Committee for the Constitutional Amendment for Fair Property Tax in 1972. His colleagues on these committees recognized and greatly respected his knowledge of public finance and the Constitution of the State of Tennessee.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of the Federal Home Loan Bank on which he had served for 24 years, part of the time as Chairman. He was also a member of the Board of Trust of his alma mater, Cumberland

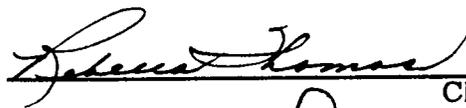
University, where his long experience and expertise as a college administrator enabled him to make a valuable contribution.

After his retirement Dr. Pullias wrote a weekly column for the Nashville Tennessean in which he commented incisively upon a wide range of social, political, and legal subjects.

The Nashville Bar Association extends the sincere sympathy of its members to the family of Dr. Pullias and expresses its appreciation for the contributions he made to the community and the profession.

This 13th day of November, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman



