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RESOLUTION TO THE MEMORY OF
JOHN A. PRITCHETT

We met him as we passed on Union Street, on the Courthouse Plaza and in it's halls and as we frequented the courtrooms. We knew him as a very private person, dignified and reserved, but never so preoccupied with his thoughts that he ever failed to voice a friendly greeting.

We shall not see him again, nor hear his friendly salutations, nor listen to his learned arguments before the Bar. His clients have lost their advocate.

Our colleague, John A. Pritchett, answered the call which comes to all of us from the Supreme Justice of the Universe on August 7th, 1985, in the 94th year of his life, having lived a full measure, 57 years of which were devoted to the practice of law.

As we honor his memory it is appropriate that we record here a brief summary, altogether too short to enumerate the accomplishments and character of one who for so many years rendered to society, family and friends a full life of service.

Mr. Pritchett was born on a farm near Johnson City, Tennessee, on August 19th, 1891. After finishing high school in 1911, he entered the postal service at Johnson City and worked there eight years. Subsequently he enrolled at the University of Tennessee in 1920 where he worked his way through college. He married Ethel Lee Griffith in 1922, she being also a graduate of the University of Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett had one son, John A. Pritchett, Jr. who survives and lives in Boone, North Carolina.

Mr. Pritchett earned his M.A. Degree from Vanderbilt University and the LLB Degree from Cumberland University in 1928 and began the practice of law in Nashville the same year, continuing until his death.

He was a member of the American, Tennessee and Nashville Bar Associations, the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, the Tennessee Farm Bureau and exhibited a strong interest in governmental affairs and politics at the Local, State and National levels. He was a member of the Davidson County Election Commission, a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1944 and Chairman of the Tennessee Committee for Eisenhower in 1952.

He was devoted to his religion as a member of the Church of the Brethren and was an ordained minister of the denomination.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Bridgewater College for 20 years.

Saddened as we are by his passing and the loss which has come to our profession and the tragedy that has come into the lives of his family and circle of friends, we are also tempered by the words from a poem by William Knox, said to be the favorite poem of Abraham Lincoln:

"Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
Like a swift-fleeting meteor, a fast-flying cloud,
A flash of lightning, a break of the wave,
Man passeth from life to his rest in the grave."

IN CONSIDERATION of the foregoing, the Committee has submitted this Memorial Document and, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tribute herein made to the memory of our departed colleague, John A. Pritchett, be adopted and recorded permanently in the records of the Nashville Bar Association.

Respectfully submitted by the appointed committee, on this
the 13th day of October, 1985.

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