

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association of Nashville, Tennessee, that in the passing of Garnett Stith Andrews, an irreparable loss has been suffered by the members of this Association, the Bar of Tennessee, and this community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the zealous devotion to the causes of his clients, the courtesy and consideration for opposing counsel, and all others with whom he had dealings, and the ethical standards and ideals which marked the life and professional career of Garnett Stith Andrews stand out as a tribute to his profession, and as an inspiration to those now living and those yet to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these resolutions be enrolled upon the Minutes of this Association, and that copies be furnished to the members of his family as evidence of the affection and regard which this Association, and its members, held for Garnett Stith Andrews.

Respectfully submitted, this January 28, 1959.

Geo. H. Armistead, Jr.,  
F. A. Berry,  
Laurence B. Howard,

Andrew Ewing, Chairman.

I, REAU E. FOLK, JR., Secretary-Treasurer of Nashville Bar Association, Nashville, Tennessee, hereby certify that the foregoing resolutions, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, were adopted at a meeting of the Association held in Nashville, Tennessee, on January 28, 1959, and that the original of these resolutions has been duly enrolled on the Minutes of this Association.

Reau E. Folk, Jr.,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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LAURENCE BRANCH HOWARD, 1900 - 1959

LAURENCE BRANCH HOWARD was born in 1900 and died in 1959. He practiced law in Nashville from 1923 until his death. Being also an active and successful business man, his talents represented a valuable combination of business and legal judgment. It was in this area of corporation and business law that he became widely known and gained an outstanding reputation for ability, integrity and judgment.

Laurence Howard, known to his many friends as "Push" Howard, represented the highest quality of the legal profession. In addition, he rendered substantial service as a member of the County Court for twenty-four years and as a member of the Tennessee State Senate. In these positions of political importance, he gained the respect and admiration of his colleagues and of the people of Davidson County whom he so ably represented.

Among his business interests he counted the Franklin Power & Light Company and the Nashville-Franklin Railway, having been President of both companies, and he had been a director of numerous corporations in the Middle Tennessee area. His wide interests were further evidenced by his active work as a Trustee of Montgomery Bell Academy and of Columbia Military Academy, and other community activities such as the Big Brothers, Community Chest, Chamber of Commerce, the County Welfare Commission, the City Board of Hospital Commissioners and various other agencies to which he volunteered his time and service. He was a member of the Belle Meade Country Club and was an organizer and director of the Cumberland Club.

He was one of the organizers of the City of Belle Meade and served as the municipality's first attorney.

He had been a director of the Nashville Bar Association and was a member of the Tennessee State and American Bar Associations. During the time he was a law student at Yale, he was a student editor of the Law Journal.

Mr. Howard was first associated in the practice of law in the firm of Keeble and Seay, and later became a member of the firm of White & Howard. Other legal partnerships were the firm of Bailey & Howard and later the firm of Hume, Howard, Davis & Gale, which was known as Howard, Davis, Boulton & Hunt at the time of his death.

Mr. Howard entered the Marine Corps in June of 1942 as a Captain and was discharged as a Major in 1945, after service as Adjutant for the El Toro, California Marine Station, service at Quantico, Virginia, service as commander of a paratroop unit at Camp Gillespie, Santee, California, and service with the Third Marine Air Wing in the Pacific Theater of operations.

This memorial statement would be incomplete without a mention of the fact that Push Howard was a lovable person. He was a sturdy character who believed in the virtues of religion. He was active in his work for his church and was one of the small group of dedicated churchmen who were largely instrumental in the building of St. George's Episcopal Church. He never lost sight of the necessary relationship between Christian character and legal ethics.

We, therefore, his brothers of the Nashville Bar Association, pay tribute to a fine lawyer, a high-minded business man, a loyal churchman, a soldier patriot, a community servant and a steadfast friend, who could always be trusted. His life did not extend through the biblical three score years and ten, but in it was crowded more of accomplishment and service than can usually be found in lives measured by the longer span. We mourn him, but we appreciate the association with him. To his widow, Ellen Felder Howard, and to his sons, Laurence B. Howard, Jr. and William F. Howard, and to the other members of his family, we extend our warm expression of friendship and condolence.

It seems appropriate to quote a few lines from "Character of a Happy Warrior" by William Wordsworth, which might well speak the feeling of us all about Laurence Howard, as one --

"Who comprehends his trust, and to the same  
Keeps faithful with a singleness of aim.  
Who not content that former worth stand fast  
Looks forward persevering to the last.  
From well to better, daily self-surpassed  
And while the mortal mist is gathering, draws  
His breath in confidence of Heaven's applause."

Ferriss C. Bailey,  
Miller Manier,  
John K. Maddin,

Reber Boulton, Chairman.

Adopted by the Nashville Bar  
Association on August 28, 1959.

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