

IN MEMORIAM**WILLIAM N. BYERS**

Members of the Nashville Bar Association are gathered this Thursday, 17 November, 1994, to pay our respect and tribute to the memory of the late William N. Byers, who passed to his eternal rest on 08 June 1994.

RECITALS

William N. Byers, a former Assistant Attorney General for the State of Tennessee, was a native of Tracy City, Grundy County, Tennessee.

His family moved to Davidson County where he first attended public schools, then Duncan Preparatory School, and then Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt School of Law.

He practiced law in Nashville from 1923 to 1942 and was associated with the late Charles Embry.

In 1942, Mr. Byers volunteered as an officer candidate for the United States Army Air Corps.

During his military career, Mr. Byers was appointed liaison Officer to the Governments of Belgium and Holland for claims under reverse lien-lease treaties. He was then promoted to Director of the Claims Investigating Service for the U. S. Zone in Germany in 1947.

In 1949, he was appointed Chief of Claims, Office Staff Judge Advocate, in England. While there, he helped establish the first Foreign Claims Commission for the Air Force.

Mr. Byers was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel; and, upon return to the States in 1952, he was appointed Deputy Director, Claims Division, United States Air Force in Washington, D. C. He served as Staff Judge Advocate General at Keflavik Air Force Base in Iceland, Walker Air Force Base in New Jersey and then Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

He retired from the Air Force in 1964 with the rank Lieutenant Colonel.

His military service was honorable and meritorious. In addition to other medals, Colonel Byers received combat stars for the Battle of Britain and the European Campaign, the Air Force Commendation Medal for services in Iceland and the Citation for Meritorious Service.

Upon return to Tennessee in 1965, Colonel Byers was appointed Staff Attorney of the Tennessee State Highway Department. During this service, "he made immeasurable contribution to our magnificent Interstate Highway System," especially "during his tenure in the Tennessee Transportation Department's Right-of-Way Division . . ."

Leaving the Highway Department, Colonel Byers was appointed to the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General where he retired as an Assistant State Attorney General in 1974.

Colonel Byers died at his home in McLean, Virginia, on 08 June, and was buried on Flag Day, 14 June, in Arlington National Cemetery.

Described by his close friend and associate, Milton P. Rice, as "a 'gentleman of the old school' in the finest sense of that

term," Colonel Byers left his wife, Josee L. Byers of McLean, Virginia, a daughter, Anne M. Byers, and son-in-law, Victor C. Johnson, both of Arlington, Virginia.

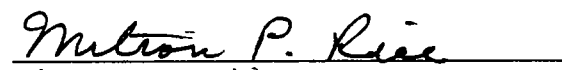
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Nashville Bar Association evidence its respect of the life of the late William N. Byers to his family and friends by and through this Memorial Resolution;

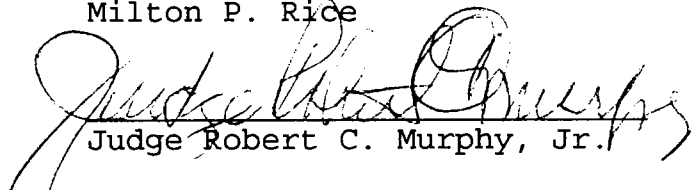
And it is respectfully moved by this Committee that the foregoing Memorial Resolution dedicated to the memory of the late William N. Byers be adopted by this Nashville Bar Association and be spread on the Minutes of the Memorial Book of the Nashville Bar Association maintained in the offices of the Clerk and Master, Davidson County, Tennessee, and that a copy of this Memorial Resolution be presented to the family of and in memory of the late Colonel William N. Byers.

Respectfully submitted,


David C. Rutherford, Chairman


John R. Reynolds


Milton P. Rice


Judge Robert C. Murphy, Jr.
Memorial Committee