

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

for

MELVIN B. BUTLER

Today we remember **MELVIN B. BUTLER**, our friend and fellow member of the Bar, who died 20 November 2000.

Mr. Butler graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1950, and then practiced for fifty (50) years until his death.

Melvin Butler was born five (5) days before Christmas, 1914, in Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee.

His family moved to Nashville, and Mr. Butler graduated from East Nashville High School. He attended David Lipscomb College and then volunteered for the United States Air Force with the outbreak of World War II. He served stateside and in England. He was honorably discharged with the rank Captain and transferred to the Tennessee Air National Guard. Mr. Butler's total military service encompassed 32 years active duty and reserve. He retired with the rank of Major.

Mr. Butler attended the University of Mississippi where he taught classes and then Vanderbilt University School of Law. After graduation, he began practicing law in Nashville.

Mr. Butler maintained his office in the Stahlman Building and practiced in an association with Mr. Jack Green for many years.

Mr. Butler represented Jim Walter Homes in Tennessee and other states of the southeast. He also developed and specialized in the

practice of domestic relations law. He practiced in a time when lawyers carried files and not trial brief cases to court.

Mr. Butler had a quiet, positive manner that imparted confidence to his clients. He had a pleasing countenance and always had a smile and said hello.

Outside his legal practice, Mr. Butler enjoyed boating and photography. He built his own boat. He constructed his own darkroom in his home. He visited and enjoyed various clubs.

Mr. Butler is survived by a brother, James C. Butler, and a niece, Norma Gene Butler.

He is fondly remembered by family and friends, especially two (2) secretaries, Ms. Charlotte Bailey and Ms. Jean Creamer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Nashville Bar Association evidence its respect of the life and honor for the legal service of **MELVIN B. BUTLER** to his family and friends by and through this Memorial Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and it is hereby moved that this Memorial Resolution dedicated to the late **MELVIN B. BUTLER** be adopted by the Nashville Bar Association, be placed in the permanent records of the Association and be entered in the In Memoriam Minute Book maintained in the office of the Clerk and Master, Twentieth Judicial District, Davidson County, Tennessee, and that copies of this Memorial Resolution be presented to the family of the late **MELVIN B. BUTLER**.

This 15th day of November 2001.

Arvin H. Kilcrease, Jr.
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