

RESOLUTION

CHARLES LeSUEUR CORNELIUS

Charles LeSueur Cornelius, lawyer; born Nashville, Tennessee, June 16, 1888; A.B. Vanderbilt University, 1910; A.M. Columbia University, 1912; L.L.B., 1913. Admitted Tennessee Bar, 1912, practicing in Nashville; Assistant Attorney General of Tennessee, 1918-1925; Attorney General of Tennessee, August-October, 1926. Member Tennessee State Senate, 1931. Member American, Tennessee and Nashville Bar Associations. President Nashville Bar Association, 1941-1942. Director of American Automobile Association, 1937-1945. Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Delta Phi fraternities. Democrat. Episcopalian. 32° Mason. Potentate Al Menah Temple, 1932. President Exchange Club, 1927. President Shrine Club, 1943. Member Belle Meade Country Club, Cumberland Club and Colemere Club.

The foregoing is recorded in "Who's Who in America."

After his graduation from law school, he formed a partnership with the late William Hume under the firm name of Hume and Cornelius. After serving in the office of Attorney General of Tennessee, he reentered private practice with the late Frank Wade under the firm name of Cornelius and Wade. With the entry of the late Chancellor John R. Aust, the firm name was changed to Aust, Cornelius and Wade, later Cornelius, McKinney and Gilbert.

After the War, the firm name became Cornelius and Collins, and on January 1, 1968, became Cornelius, Collins, Neal and Higgins.

The foregoing is recorded in the professional history of our Bar.

Neither of the above recitations tells the real story of Charles Cornelius as the warm personality, deep student of the law, vigorous advocate, dedicated public servant and true friend. Neither describes properly his devotion to his profession and his unswerving allegiance to the Rule of Law.

He introduced his talents to one of the most conservative, active and distinguished bars of the nation with such sincerity and such total effort that he won immediate attention and recognition. The intense professional competition of his day gave him his best chance to succeed as a lawyer. His ability to analyze the real facts of a case, his research for precedent, his indefatigable preparation and his respect for detail were presented in the courts of this community with such tremendous advocacy as that professional mediocrity had no chance before him. He was a lawyer's lawyer. Corporate clients who could not afford less than the best sought the services of Charles Cornelius.

It is a greater tribute, however, that his contemporaries will remember him best as a man.

His extremely pleasing and engaging personality had the effect of refreshing and energizing his friends. His constant good humor sparkled in its attraction. But as one enjoyed this, one immediately discovered an intelligence, a courage and a frankness that set him apart as a man of conviction and strength. He never dodged a question. He was not afraid to take a position. It was only natural that he was often selected as a leader.

It was with this strength that he met the tragedies of his life, and with the understanding that comes from such strength he shared the sorrows of his friends. Though he would seek no quarter for himself he would ask any favor for his friends.

Charles Cornelius moved through his professional career as he moved through life,-- with a purpose and a plan. Both were supported by hard work and basic principle. Both were accompanied by faith and dedication. Both made this a better place in which to live.

The foregoing is an attempt to express our appreciation for his life, his work and his friendship.

Dan E. McGugin

C. Weber Tuley

Albert Williams

O. B. Hofstetter, Jr.

Jack Norman