

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

PAUL WILSON COUCH

November 17, 1994

Paul Wilson Couch was born in New Market, Alabama on June 19, 1926, and died at the age of sixty-eight on July 29, 1994, as the sixth and youngest child of Tolbert Couch and Mary Shelton Couch. Paul Wilson Couch was the last of his family to die. Paul is survived by his loving wife of thirty-seven years, Jo Anne Warden Couch, of Brentwood, Tennessee. Paul and Jo Anne met while both were college students. They were married in Mississippi in 1957.

Paul Wilson Couch was raised in Petersburg, Tennessee, and attended Morgan Preparatory School and subsequently attended Middle Tennessee State College, now University, and Peabody College before going on to complete his Jurisdoctorate degree at the Y.M.C.A. Night Law School in 1962. While attending law school, Paul taught school in the Wilson County School system. He was admitted to the bar in this State in 1962 and began practicing his profession with fellow classmate Robert N. Skinner in the same year.

Prior to entering the practice of law, Paul had an interesting record of military service. He started his career by making two trips with merchant ships going to Murmansk, Russia. He lost his ship to enemy action, and then went to Africa. He later joined the U.S. Navy and went New River, North Carolina and then to San Diego, California for his

training. After completing boot camp in December, 1943, he went with the fleet marine force overseas to the Pacific serving on many of the islands including the Solomon Islands; Peleliu; Tarawa; New Guinea, New Britain, Fiji Islands and the Florida Islands until he finally reached Japan at the time of the surrender. He received his discharge in 1948 and again served on merchant ships. After his discharge from the Navy he joined the Army and served a forty-three (43) month tour of duty in Europe. In January, 1952, he returned to the states. One day after receiving his discharge from the Army, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. In October, 1952 he went to Korea and served on the front lines in the 1st Marine Division. He was wounded and was hospitalized. He received his discharge from the Marine Corps in 1954. He still had the salt air in his blood and went to the Gulf of Mexico and signed on a Dutch Sailing Schooner, The S.S. Buckaneer before he entered Middle Tennessee State College earning a Bachelor of Science degree. While attending college, he joined the National Guard and retired at the mandatory age of sixty. He subsequently joined the Tennessee Defense Force and ultimately attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

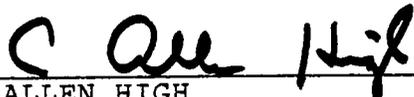
Paul Couch continued in the general practice law until his retirement in 1986. He was always cordial and courteous to all who he met. His even tempered demeanor and his intense advocacy should serve as an example for those of us who

survive him. His has been a life of service, a life of giving and a good life.

Paul was a member of the Nashville Bar Association.

The Nashville Bar Association has a rich heritage and Paul Wilson Couch contributed to it in many meaningful ways. It is members such as he who caused it to be one of the outstanding bar associations in this State.

Respectfully submitted,


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