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10 JUDGE JERROLD V. POWERS

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12 GEORGE BOWIE McCENEY

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P R O C E E D I N G S

. . . The Court convened en banc at 3:05 o'clock p.m., there being present HONORABLE ERNEST A. LOVELESS, JR., Chief Judge, and HONORABLE SAMUEL W. H. MELOY, WILLIAM H. McCULLOUGH, ALBERT T. BLACKWELL, JR., AUDREY E. MELBOURNE and DAVID GRAY ROSS, Associate Judges . . .

JUDGE LOVELESS: The Court will recognize Mr. Samuel Ianni, President of the Bar Association.

MR. SAMUEL F. IANNI: May it please the Court, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to present J. Edwin Hutchinson, who is Chairman of the Bar Association's Memorial Committee, who will conduct the program for this afternoon.

MR. J. EDWIN HUTCHINSON: Judge Loveless, Associate Judges of the Circuit Court, Judges of the District Court and Orphans Court present, officers of the Bar Association, President Ianni, friends and relatives of the attorneys who are being honored this afternoon by this memorial service:

It is the habit of the Court and the Bar Association to conduct these services once each year to honor those members of the Bar who have passed on to their reward. We feel that it is no more than just that the Court and the members of the Bar should take a slight leave from their usual duties for this purpose, and it is for that purpose that we are gathered here today.

We have three members of the Bar to be honored

1 today and they are as follows: Judge Jerrold V. Powers,  
2 attorney William McCeney and attorney Robert E. Ennis. All  
3 three of these men were members of the Bar of Prince George's  
4 County and the State of Maryland practicing in all the courts  
5 here in the county and other courts in the state.

6 We all enjoyed associating with them. They enhanced  
7 the Court and the Bar Association by their conduct while they  
8 were present with us. So, it is, as I say, fitting that we  
9 take a few moments to reflect and to kind of review their  
10 years with the Bar Association.

11 Today attorney Hal C. B. Clagett will speak to the  
12 Court regarding Judge Jerrold V. Powers. Mr. Clagett.

13 JUDGE JERROLD V. POWERS

14 MR. HAL C. B. CLAGETT: Honored Judges, both on the  
15 bench and in the audience, Mr. Ianni, President of the Prince  
16 George's County Bar Association, and Mr. Hutchinson, Chairman  
17 of the Memorial Committee, ladies and gentlemen:

18 When I was contacted to participate in this memorial  
19 service on behalf of Honorable Jerrold V. Powers, I thought  
20 how nice to be able to spend a few moments with his peers,  
21 with his compatriots and with his friends, even if only in memory.

22 My association began back approximately in 1950  
23 with Jerry Powers when then Congressman Lansdale G. Sasscer  
24 formed the partnership of Sasscer, Clagett and Powers. Our  
25 principal secretary, and later bookkeeper, Gladys Duvall had

1 a method of checking in cases at that time identified as  
2 yellow sheets. In going over those so-called yellow sheets,  
3 hastily I must admit but with great interest, I noted that  
4 over the span of 20 years from 1950 until 1970 that Jerry  
5 Powers was a part of that partnership, he had assigned to him  
6 by the yellow sheets 1,083 cases.

7 Those cases were litigation cases. Most of them  
8 were cases that he tried or at least prepared to try because,  
9 you will recall, that was our practice then. Juries were  
10 more predictable, and we were able to get better results by  
11 trial than by settlement at that time.

12 Taking into account other cases such as estate work,  
13 real property, corporate advice, equity, Jerry Powers handled  
14 during that decade approximately 2,000 or more cases. That  
15 is better than a hundred per year. In doing that, he made his  
16 impact upon the members of his profession, principally of  
17 course here in Prince George's County.

18 He sharpened the tools of his mind which were  
19 abundant in the intellectual department, scope and capability,  
20 and he also brought into ripening stature his judicial  
21 temperament so that in 1970 he was a fit and proper person to  
22 be elevated for service on the bench, and this was recognized  
23 in 1970 by his appointment to the Special Court of Appeals by  
24 then Governor Marvin Mandel.

25 Running through the computer which records the

1 activities of the Court of Special Appeals, I found yesterday  
2 that Jerry Powers had written 180 recorded opinions. With the  
3 aid of the Clerk of the Special Court of Appeals and Judge  
4 Couch's secretary and law clerk, inherited from Judge Powers  
5 when he retired in 1977 after seven years on the bench,  
6 applying the formula that was made available to me, he had  
7 written approximately 4,000 opinions during that seven year  
8 span. We were not able to calculate the panels upon which he  
9 sat.

10 Thus it is that from an active practice in Prince  
11 George's County spanning the 20 years of partnership that I  
12 was directly associated with and the 12 years prior to that,  
13 his influence and direct impact upon the members of our  
14 profession was broadened state-wide, and the monuments of his  
15 opinions reported stand to speak for themselves as precedent  
16 and guidance to all of us as we are confronted with problems  
17 in the course of our practice where his opinions will lend  
18 guidance and aid.

19 Jerry Powers was born not in Maryland but in Texas,  
20 and of all places, Plainview. I have never been to Plainview  
21 but I play upon the word because it was his great ability to  
22 take plain words and weave them into a clear explanation of  
23 the intricacies of the law that gave us clear view, so  
24 Plainview in that sense seems to have been a very apt place  
25 for him to have been born. That was on April the 20th of 1909,

1 so that at the time of his death in October of 1980, he had  
2 spanned a period of 71 and a half years plus.

3 It was 12 years after birth that he came to Maryland  
4 and began the influence that I have touched upon of such real  
5 distinction. He graduated from the University of Maryland in  
6 the class of '31, and it is to be noted that during that period  
7 of undergraduate years at the University of Maryland, he was  
8 the Chief Editor of "The Diamondback." Many have said that it  
9 was there that he learned that terseness of phrase and that  
10 accuracy of word that was such a distinction of his, as  
11 reflected in all opinions written by him and in all manner of  
12 address before this Court and jury during his practicing  
13 period.

14 He was part of the class of 1935 from then National  
15 Law School now identified as George Washington University  
16 Law School, and he graduated with distinction at that time.

17 Another mark of distinction during his career was  
18 his military service. After serving in the United States  
19 Navy, he was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

20 His service, not only on the bench, not only in the  
21 practice of law, was broader than merely in the professional  
22 ranks. He served as Chairman of the Prince George's County  
23 Hospital Commission for some ten years.

24 After retirement in 1977 from the Court of Special  
25 Appeals, he continued to lend breadth beyond the profession

1 in a sense by serving as Chairman of the State Board of Law  
2 Examiners. His activities were not limited to this area or  
3 field of activity because at one time he was President of the  
4 Marlboro Hunt Club.

5 After retirement, as well as during my personal  
6 contacts with Jerry Powers, it became evident that not only  
7 did he have skills in so far as the mind was concerned and  
8 skills with words and expression and interpretation of the  
9 law, but skills of hand.

10 When he lived in Cheverly, where he did live for  
11 many years, it was a joy to go and visit and see what changes  
12 had been wrought with hammer, nail, saw and ruler in building  
13 his own house.

14 Some of you will recall he had a Japanese couple  
15 that were living with him at that time, and between one  
16 speaking Japanese and the other speaking in legal language,  
17 to listen to the two confer on how to build a fountain and  
18 get water out of it in a natural way was really delightful.  
19 I never really could understand how one or the other could  
20 understand either or the other.

21 When he was here in Marlboro after he had married  
22 a cousin of mine, Felicita Buchheister Clagett, that same  
23 skill of hand was evident in the remodeling of the historical  
24 home where he lived "Kingston" or "The Top of the Hill" just  
25 south of the monument at the south end where we stand now.

1 I can recall seeing him up on the roof putting a  
2 new roof on the garage. I can recall seeing the woodshed  
3 being remodeled into some other form of outbuilding, and many,  
4 many other things were done by him in the remodeling and  
5 repair of "Kingston".

6 I recall also with great gratitude that when he was  
7 President of the Marlboro Hunt Club, we went down to the club  
8 one night for a particular social activity, and everybody was  
9 pleased and proud and commenting upon the floor of the annex  
10 of the hunt club, and it had been laid, in addition to the  
11 materials being supplied, by Jerry Powers.

12 It would be easy to spend many, many more enjoyable  
13 moments recollecting, reviewing, thinking of the kind,  
14 generous, sweet personality that was that of Jerry Powers.  
15 With all he came in contact he left an impression, and those  
16 words that I have just used were among that impression.

17 He was deeply respected. He was deeply loved. In  
18 the span of that 71 years, he has left a memorial which lends  
19 the name of Powers in this county a degree of distinction  
20 equal to that which has been contributed by his brother, our  
21 former Chief Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Ralph W.  
22 Powers, as well as his brother, Selwyn Powers, and a sister,  
23 Very, very staunch, true, contributing, energetic, able people.

24 That goodness having been born in Texas, he  
25 maintained a plain view and will maintain a plain view in



1 Maryland in our memory, and so it is, Your Honors, that I ask  
2 to be made a matter of record an excellent obituary article  
3 which appeared in The Enquirer-Gazette on October 30 of 1980,  
4 and that it be a supplement and a more accurate reflection of  
5 record in so far as Jerrold V. Powers, now deceased, is  
6 concerned. I tender a copy of that obituary in order that it  
7 can be made a matter of record, and may I do so to the  
8 reporter.

9 Thank you, sir.

10 MR. HUTCHINSON: Thank you, Mr. Clagett. Your  
11 Honors, I recommend that these remarks be transcribed and made  
12 a part of the record of this Court and a copy of the same be  
13 sent to the widow of Judge Powers and also a copy to his  
14 brother, Ralph Powers.

15 The next party to be honored at this time will be  
16 Robert Ennis, and the speaker will be Frank Kratovil, a  
17 member of our Bar.

18 ROBERT E. ENNIS

19 MR. FRANK M. KRATOVIL: Your Honors, ladies and  
20 gentlemen, I am here to honor Robert Ellsworth Ennis, a  
21 member of our Bar Association. Isn't it sad that it takes  
22 occasions such as this for us to really get to know the  
23 brothers and sisters that make up our Bar Association, to  
24 know their strengths, to know their compassions, to know the  
25 impact that they have had on our Bar and the impact they have

1 had on each of us individually?

2 The report in the newspaper indicated that Robert  
3 Ellsworth Ennis died at the age of 75, a lifelong resident  
4 of Capitol Heights. It reported that he was an attorney who  
5 had retired in 1975 after 40 years of practice. It was in  
6 effect a relatively bland report.

7 Does that report indicate to us that Mr. Ennis was  
8 a member of the City Council of Capitol Heights for a number  
9 of years and was active on that council, those city councils  
10 being really the seat of democracy in our community and in our  
11 country?

12 Does it indicate that he helped to organize and  
13 sponsor and finance a recreational outlet in Capitol Heights  
14 himself for the projection of talent and for the holding of  
15 various kinds of sports tournaments, including boxing  
16 tournaments?

17 No, it does not. In fact he did. His interest in  
18 boxing stemmed from his own experience. He was in fact in  
19 World War I the fleet welterweight champion boxer and was well  
20 known in his era among boxers in the Metropolitan Washington  
21 area.

22 He also was a club boxer and boxed at various  
23 locations in Prince George's County, and apparently that was  
24 fairly popular at that time. There was, unbeknownst to  
25 myself, a Berwyn Heights Arena in which he competed. He

1 boxed under the name of Bobby Yomans. That led him, as I  
2 have indicated, to his interest in sports and to his organiz-  
3 ing this recreation center in Capitol Heights.

4 The report also indicates briefly, but in no detail,  
5 the fact that during the depression he organized a free milk  
6 program in the Capitol Heights area. He also was the founder  
7 and one of the chief financiers of the old Capitol Heights Free  
8 Medical Center which was also developed during the depression.

9 A number of years ago he also contributed several  
10 acres of land to the Park and Planning Commission, and that  
11 land is used and set aside for parks in the Capitol Heights  
12 area.

13 He was also a very active in the boys clubs and  
14 in Boy Scouts. He was the founder and the first commander of  
15 Post 26 of the American Legion in Capitol Heights. He was a  
16 Mason, and he was a member of the Lyons Club. He was also a  
17 member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

18 The report in the paper certainly does not indicate  
19 his work as a justice of the peace in the 30's when he was  
20 forced to approach Governor Nice, who I had not heard of but  
21 was the governor prior to Governor O'Connor, and the occasion  
22 of that was he had a minor or major altercation, depending  
23 on whose version you heard it from, with one of the bailiffs  
24 or city policemen who at that time rather vociferously  
25 demanded that he work out the fee arrangement for the traffic

1 offenses, as had been the practice in the past, by splitting  
2 it with the arresting officer. He found that a distasteful  
3 practice and refused to do it.

4 This led to the policeman approaching him with some  
5 physical violence which, as you know, was a serious error.  
6 Mr. Ennis then dispatched him rather quickly and was brought  
7 to task for the matter and ended up approaching the governor  
8 in an effort to try to reform the entire situation. So, the  
9 report does not indicate that.

10 I think the fact that he has been reported as a  
11 practicing attorney doesn't really tell us very much about  
12 him. It doesn't tell us, for instance, that his view of  
13 practicing law was a very old-fashioned view of practicing law.

14 For instance, in domestic cases, and I am speaking  
15 only to the attorneys at this point, instead of directing  
16 rather immediate attention to the retainer that would be  
17 necessary up front, Mr. Ennis would direct his attention to  
18 trying to keep the matter entirely out of court and resolving  
19 it by informal negotiation with the parties in order to see  
20 that it went no further. He was a very strong believer in  
21 family life and in trying to preserve marriages.

22 He also in custody cases and in juvenile matters  
23 commonly brought home children who had no place to stay. His  
24 son has told me that he actually had bunk beds in his house,  
25 and that when the kids who were the products of these cases

1 were not able to go anywhere in particular, they would come  
2 home with him and stayed on occasion for months with him until  
3 he was able to locate a proper place for them to stay.

4 He took many of his fees in barter or out in trade.  
5 His house was under various stages of repair at all times, as  
6 I understand it, as a result of the rather meager incomes of  
7 those that he represented.

8 He did have some unpleasant contact with the Bar, I  
9 must report, in regard to the minimum fee schedules which were  
10 popular at that time, and which some of us look upon as the  
11 good old days, but for Mr. Ennis they represented something  
12 that he did not believe in. His constituency and the people  
13 that he represented and advocated for had very little money,  
14 therefore, he did not believe that they should be required to  
15 meet those standards, and that did bring him in for something  
16 more than the raising of a jaundiced eye at the time. He may  
17 have been something of a prophet in those regards.

18 He also advocated, in more recent times, the  
19 reciprocity between the District of Columbia and Maryland as  
20 to traffic offenders so that they need not be locked up and  
21 have to bond out in order to get back and forth between Prince  
22 George's and Montgomery County.

23 When I say to you that we should know him better  
24 or it is a shame that we don't know him better, I assure you  
25 that I speak for myself as well because Mr. Ennis appeared

1 before the Orphans Court when I was a judge any number of  
2 occasions, and his appearance, to those of you who do not  
3 recall him or did not know him, was far from our moderate tv  
4 image of an attorney or, for that matter, the image of many  
5 attorneys who appear before the Court in matters here. His  
6 clothing was somewhat threadbare. No one asked him who his  
7 taylor was. His outer overclothes were sparse. He normally  
8 wore a sweater underneath his coat. His hair wasn't always  
9 combed perfectly.

10 He looked to be a man who was not professional, but  
11 when he appeared before the Court, particularly when he  
12 appeared before us on the Orphans Court, and there are some  
13 Orphans Court judges who are present, it was the compassion  
14 of the man that shined through.

15 On one particular occasion I recall him pleading  
16 for a particular woman who had appeared before the Court and  
17 who had a rather shady background, and the Court was in a  
18 position Courts are often in, we could either observe or not  
19 observe her particular claim, and Mr. Ennis was most anxious  
20 that we do so, and when we raised her rather sordid background,  
21 he referred to her as being employed as a woman of the night  
22 which we thought was the kindest possible way to have referred  
23 to her. She prevailed in that.

24 His way of resolving problems was in direct contrast  
25 to the way he had dispatched people when he was a champion in

1 the Navy. What he would do would be to bring home to those  
2 that he spoke to the equities of the situation and the  
3 compassion of the situation, and it was a true, honest  
4 compassion. It was not overly articulate. The vocabulary was  
5 of average content, but it was the feeling that came through,  
6 and it was for those reasons that he attracted the attention  
7 of many of us who knew him well and who really grew to love  
8 him.

9 I think that of the great men who are honored here  
10 regularly and who are honored here today, I recommend your  
11 attention to Robert Ellsworth Ennis as a man who had great  
12 compassion and who might give many of us who practice a great  
13 lesson in what our real functions and duties are.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. HUTCHINSON: Thank you, Mr. Kratovil.

16 May it please the Court, I recommend in this case  
17 and make a motion that these remarks be transcribed and made  
18 a part of the record of this Court and a copy of the same sent  
19 to Mrs. Ennis, the widow of Robert E. Ennis.

20 The next speaker will be Judge C. Philip Nichols, Jr.,  
21 of our Orphans Court, and he will address us to the life of  
22 Bowie McCeney.

23 GEORGE BOWIE McCENEY

24 JUDGE C. PHILIP NICHOLS, JR: Thank you,  
25 Mr. Hutchinson. Chief Judge Loveless, Judges of the Circuit

1 Court for Prince George's County, retired judges, Judges of  
2 the District Court, Judge McGrath, members of the Prince  
3 George's County Bar Association and friends:

4 It is a particular honor that I have to address you  
5 this afternoon on behalf of George Bowie McCeney who passed  
6 away. He was a member of our association, and he was publisher  
7 of the Laurel News Leader since 1938.

8 I was fortunate enough to have the good use of the  
9 resources of the News Leader, and most of my remarks come  
10 from his paper and come from the obituary at his death.

11 He died of a coronary thrombosis at the age of 74.  
12 He was a lifelong resident of Prince George's County, and a  
13 resident of Laurel since 1906.

14 He was born on a farm known as "Thorpland" at  
15 Leland, three miles from Upper Marlboro. He was the son of  
16 George Patterson McCeney and Margaret Sadler McCeney, late  
17 of Laurel.

18 In 1906 he moved to Laurel with his parents. He  
19 attended public and private elementary schools in Laurel and  
20 Laurel High School. He left Laurel High School in 1919 to  
21 enroll at St. John's College in Annapolis. He was awarded  
22 his Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. John's in 1924.

23 On April 25, 1923, he married Catherine S. Turner  
24 of Annapolis, and they had one daughter, Virginia Bowie, who  
25 is here with us this afternoon, Your Honors.



1           Following graduation from St. John's, he obtained  
2 a position with the U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company in  
3 Baltimore which he held until 1925 when he accepted another  
4 position with Alexander and Alexander, a Baltimore insurance  
5 firm. In October of 1926 he accepted a position with the  
6 Colonial Trust Company in Baltimore where he remained eight  
7 years and rose to the post of assistant secretary/treasurer.

8           During that time he attended the University of  
9 Baltimore School of Law, receiving his Juris Doctor Degree  
10 in 1931. Three years later he resigned from the trust company  
11 and entered the private practice of law on Main Street in  
12 Laurel, where his offices remained until his death.

13           He was admitted to practice before the Court of  
14 Appeals of Maryland, our United States District Court and the  
15 Supreme Court of the United States. Not only was he a member  
16 of our Bar Association but of our state bar association.

17           As a public servant he served two terms on the City  
18 Council of Laurel from 1936 to 1940 and was City Solicitor  
19 of our town prior to entering military service in 1942. He  
20 again served as City Solicitor following his release from  
21 active military service.

22           During World War II, Bowie was ordered to active  
23 duty with the United States Army Air Corps as a first  
24 lieutenant on June the 16th of 1942. He rose to the grade of  
25 Lieutenant Colonel and was released from the service in that

1 grade in July of 1945. I can say that he was extremely proud  
2 of that service to his country, and I think that he had an  
3 absolute right to be.

4 While his profession was the law, a career he  
5 decided upon after deep thought and mulling over the matter  
6 while in grade school, he was also an entrepreneur. He owned  
7 and operated many businesses throughout his life. For example,  
8 he owned a bowling alley, he had an insurance business for  
9 more than 30 years, and on top of that he financed many  
10 businesses such as a photography business, a printing and  
11 publishing business, a hardware business, a nursery farming  
12 business, and a home appliance store, not only in Laurel but  
13 elsewhere in our state. He was also vice-president of a very  
14 prominent construction firm in the Washington-Maryland area.

15 He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Laurel  
16 Wreath Lodge and of the Boumi Temple. He, as a businessman,  
17 served on the Advisory Board of Suburban Trust Company here  
18 in Prince George's County.

19 As a publisher perhaps he left his greatest mark  
20 on our county and on us. His newspaper, the Laurel News  
21 Leader, was devoted to news, and he often said, "Let it be  
22 per se exactly what it is called, a newspaper, and if there  
23 is a controversial issue, let it report all views so readers  
24 may make up their own minds." He often frowned on editorials.

25 "There is no reason to believe I have all the right

1 answers or that you do," he often told his editor, Gertrude  
2 Poe, who is also with us this afternoon. "When people read  
3 an editorial in a reliable newspaper, they often accept that  
4 opinion as their own. It tends to make them intellectually  
5 lazy," he contended, "letting someone else make up their minds  
6 for them and take the responsibility if the opinion proves to  
7 be wrong."

8 "Let's stick to the facts," was his continuing  
9 advice to those who worked with him, "and publish only what  
10 has been checked out thoroughly and with the proper sources."  
11 His many years as a practicing attorney helped to formulate  
12 that policy that earned the News Leader a reputation for  
13 accuracy and quality.

14 He believed it was a community newspaper and that  
15 it should be a friend of the family. His conservativeness  
16 shone through with its lack of sensational headlines and  
17 constancy of news suitable to anyone old enough to read it.

18 He would never publish the name of a person merely  
19 arrested. It was his feeling that a court conviction was  
20 necessary before he would allow publication rather than  
21 chance the risk of exposing a person's good name to public  
22 ridicule for a crime they might never have committed.

23 Though he had been a newspaper publisher since  
24 1938 and had extensive financial interest in newspapers in  
25 Maryland and Delaware, publishing was never the business he

1 enjoyed. The general practice of law was what he enjoyed,  
2 and he retired from it in the 1960's.

3 He loved the farm and he loved the science of  
4 finance. He was a honorable man and a man who I truly will  
5 miss. I like to think that I am proud to be his friend. I  
6 am even prouder that he was a member of our Bar Association  
7 and that we all had an opportunity to know and work with him.

8 He was a serious man from another era. He believed  
9 in right and wrong, and there were very few gray areas in  
10 between. He believed what he stood for, and he held those  
11 views very high and all the time.

12 I suggest to you that this Bar will truly miss  
13 Bowie McCeney. He was a close friend, as I said. I enjoyed  
14 that companionship. There are a few light incidents I would  
15 like to reminisce.

16 I hate to mention something political but Bowie  
17 told me he often found, even though he was originally a  
18 Republican, that once he changed his party affiliation to  
19 the Democratic party, it was easier to file papers in this  
20 court. I said, "Bowie, policy has now changed. It is no  
21 easier for anybody, regardless of party affiliation."

22 I enjoyed talking with Bowie on many occasions,  
23 and I would like to ask him what he would think about our  
24 hostage situation. I am sure he would have a simple answer  
25 for it.

1 He was a very direct man and a man I trusted greatly.  
2 After I had left the employ of our Circuit Court,, and in  
3 particular Judge Loveless's office as his clerk, I had  
4 occasion to turn to Bowie for advice on occasion, and he never  
5 hesitated to offer that advice in a friendly and professional  
6 manner.

7 He enjoyed the practice of law, and more importantly  
8 he enjoyed helping young attorneys to gain the experience  
9 that they needed and often shared that experience to help  
10 make Prince George's County a better place to live.

11 I am sorry that he is gone. I trust that we are  
12 better for having known him, and I know that I am in  
13 particular. He was a good man, and he is a man that will  
14 be missed.

15 Thank you, Your Honors.

16 MR. HUTCHINSON: Thank you, Judge Nichols.

17 At this time I would like to call attention to the  
18 fact that there are three boquets of flowers here, and they  
19 are for the families of the deceased members of the  
20 Association, Mrs. Ennis, Mrs. Powers and Bowie McCeney's  
21 daughter. You will please take them before you leave the  
22 courtroom today.

23 We have now come to the point where the Court is  
24 going to ask that the Court respond in this case and  
25 adjourn the Court. Thank you.

1 JUDGE LOVELESS: Mr. Hutchinson, it is indeed a  
2 fine tradition that we have maintained here in Prince George's  
3 County for many years that we pause from the usual adversary  
4 matters taking place in the courtroom to honor our departed  
5 brothers and pay tribute to their memories.

6 All the judges of this county, and in fact the  
7 entire circuit, are very grateful to the Prince George's  
8 County Bar Association and the members of the committee on  
9 memorials for the presentation of these memorials and  
10 statements today and making the arrangements for the ceremony.

11 All of the members of this Court have enjoyed a  
12 very pleasant and warm personal relationship with those who  
13 have been memorialized today so it is with great pride and  
14 pleasure that we direct that these memorials and statements  
15 will be spread on the permanent records of Court and copies  
16 will be sent to the families of those colleagues that we  
17 have honored here today.

18 Mr. Bailiff, in honor of our departed brothers, you  
19 may now announce the adjournment of Court.

20 (Whereupon, at 3:43 o'clock p.m., the proceedings  
21 were concluded and the court was adjourned.)

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