

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR

HENRY A. BABCOCK
EDWARD T. CONROY
STEVEN J. GILLMAN
GLENN B. HARTEN
LINDA HARRIS NELSON
AND
HONORABLE MARY T. O'HARE

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

...THE COURT CONVENED EN BANC AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M., THERE BEING PRESENT HONORABLE WILLIAM H. McCULLOUGH, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE, AND HONORABLE JACOB S. LEVIN, ROBERT MASON, DAVID GRAY ROSS, JAMES MAGRUDER REA, ARTHUR M. AHALT...

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: I WOULD LIKE FIRST TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU HERE AND THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THESE MEMORIAL SERVICES. AND TO EXPRESS JUDGE LOVELESS' REGRET THAT HE IS NOT HERE TO PRESIDE. HE HAS ALWAYS THOUGHT THIS TO BE A PRIVILEGE THAT HE WAS ABLE TO DO SO, AS CHIEF JUDGE. UNFORTUNATELY, HE IS ILL AND IS UNABLE TO BE HERE.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MR. FEISSNER, PRESIDENT OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION.

MR. KARL G. FEISSNER: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE PAUSE TODAY TO RECOUNT THE LIVES OF THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE NOW SHINING AS MONUMENTS OF OUR HERITAGE. WE SHARE THESE MOMENTS WITH THE REALIZATION THAT OUR HERITAGE IS SECURE. WE ARE SECURE AND PLEASED IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT ALL THINGS THAT HAPPEN, HAPPEN FOR THE ULTIMATE GOOD OF MANKIND. THERE WAS ENTRUSTED TO THEM, AND NOW TO US, THE HONOR AND FULL MEANING OF JUSTICE IN A FREE SOCIETY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF OUR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, MR. HUTCHINSON, WILL NOW INTRODUCE OUR SPEAKERS.

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: MR. HUTCHINSON.

MR. J. EDWIN HUTCHINSON: JUDGE McCULLOUGH, ASSOCIATE JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT AND ORPHANS' COURT HERE PRESENT. WE WELCOME YOU TO THESE SERVICES. ONCE A YEAR IT IS MY DUTY, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, TO ARRANGE FOR THIS PROGRAM. I ENJOY DOING IT. I THINK THAT IT IS THE LEAST WE CAN DO FOR THESE BROTHERS IN THE FRATERNITY OF LAWYERS, FOR THE YEARS THEY HAVE SPENT PRACTICING IN COURTS WITH US, REPRESENTING THEIR CLIENTS TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY.

I PERSONALLY HAVE KNOWN MOST OF THESE GENTLEMEN AND WAS PROUD TO HAVE KNOWN THEM. THEY MADE A GOOD MARK IN THE WORLD, AND THEY LEFT A WONDERFUL HERITAGE. MOST OF THEM HAVE LEFT FAMILIES THAT THEY LOVED VERY MUCH AND TOOK CARE OF IN THE PROCESS OF CONDUCTING THEIR BUSINESS AS ATTORNEYS. MOST OF THEM, IN ADDITION TO BEING ATTORNEYS, BELONGED TO SOCIAL CLUBS THAT DID OTHER GOOD WORKS IN THE COMMUNITY. AND THEY WERE MORE THAN HAPPY TO DO WHAT THEY COULD TO FURTHER THE INTERESTS OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS.

I WANT TO WELCOME THE FAMILIES OF THE PARTIES WHO ARE BEING HONORED TODAY. AND THEY ARE THE FAMILIES OF HENRY BABCOCK, SENATOR EDWARD CONROY, STEVEN GILLMAN, GLENN HARTEN, LINDA HARRIS NELSON AND THE HONORABLE JUDGE MARY T. O'HARE.

WHILE JUDGE O'HARE WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE BAR, SHE WAS APPOINTED TO THE JUDGE OF ORPHANS' COURT. SHE STUDIED THE LAW BOOKS DILIGENTLY AND DID A WONDERFUL JOB OF PRESIDING OVER

THAT COURT. SHE IMPRESSED EVERYBODY WITH HER ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND HER JOB AND TREATED EVERYBODY EQUALLY AND FAIRLY, TO THE BEST OF HER ABILITY.

I WOULD LIKE NOW TO CALL ON MR. ROBERT. OSTROM, OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WHO WILL SPEAK TO US REGARDING STEVEN GILLMAN.

STEVEN GILLMAN

ROBERT OSTROM: THANK YOU. MR. CHAIRMAN, YOUR HONORS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE HERE TODAY TO MEMORIALIZE STEVEN JEFFREY GILLMAN, AND BY SO DOING, WE HONOR HIM.

STEVE WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 3, 1951 IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. HE WAS EDUCATED THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL IN THE BALTIMORE AREA, GRADUATING FROM THE WOODLAWN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL. FROM 1969 UNTIL 1973 STEVE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, AT THE COLLEGE PARK CAMPUS, AND GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY IN 1973. FROM 1973 UNTIL 1976 STEVE WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND LAW SCHOOL IN BALTIMORE AND OBTAINED HIS J.D. DEGREE IN 1976.

BETWEEN 1970 AND 1975 STEVE WORKED FOR A FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS IN THE BALTIMORE AREA. FROM '75 UNTIL '77 STEVE WAS WITH THE CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND. FROM 1977, STEVE WORKED FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE DURING THE LEGISLATIVE TERM THAT YEAR.

IN HIS FIRST ENTERANCE TO UPPER MARLBORO, THAT I AM AWARE OF AT LEAST, I WOULD SAY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. BY HAVING

GONE TO COLLEGE IN COLLEGE PARK. I KNOW THAT WOULD NOT BE THE CASE -- BUT HE CAME TO UPPER MARLBORO IN MARCH OF 1977 TO SERVE AS LAW CLERK TO THE HONORABLE SAMUEL W. H. MELOY OF THIS COURT. STEVE SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY UNTIL FEBRUARY OF 1978 WHEN MY PREDECESSOR ASKED HIM TO SERVE AS AN ASSOCIATE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. STEVE SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY UNTIL NOVEMBER OF 1980 WHEN HE LEFT THE OFFICE OF LAW AND RETURNED TO THE FAMILY BUSINESS WHERE HE FELT HIS NEEDS WERE, WHERE HIS TIME WAS NEEDED.

IN PREPARING THESE COMMENTS THIS AFTERNOON, I ASKED THE MEMBERS OF MY OFFICE TO GIVE ME SOME IMPRESSIONS OF HOW THEY REMEMBERED STEVE. AND NOT UNPREDICTABLY, THE COMMENTS WERE VERY SIMILAR. THAT IN FACT THEY WERE VERY PARALLEL TO MY OWN. STEVE WAS AN EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT YOUNG LAWYER. STEVE WAS AN UNPRETENTIOUS YOUNG MAN. STEVE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN WHO YOU WERE OR WHAT YOU HAD. STEVE WAS INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU WERE, WHAT WAS INSIDE OF YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL. HE WANTED TO KNOW THE PERSON AND WAS NOT AT ALL AWESTRUCK BY VESTIGES OF POWER AND PRESTIGE AND STATUS SYMBOLS. HE STRIPPED THROUGH ALL OF THAT AND WANTED TO KNOW REAL PEOPLE. STEVE WAS SENSITIVE. STEVE WAS FAMILY ORIENTED. AND THIS PROBABLY CAME UP MORE OFTEN THAN ANY OTHER COMMENT ABOUT STEVE. WAS HIS POSITIVE APPROACH TO LIFE, THAT IT WASN'T ALL THE PRACTICE OF LAW, THAT IT WASN'T ALL SOME OTHER SINGULAR ACTIVITY, BUT THAT ONE'S LIFE INVOLVED THE CAREER PROCESS AS WELL AS THE VERY IMPORTANT FAMILY TIES. TIME AND TIME

AGAIN IN STEVE'S LIFE. AS I REFLECTED ON THE FILE THAT I HAVE HAD IN THE OFFICE ON STEVE, THE PERSONNEL FILE, TO SEE HOW OFTEN REFERENCE TO FAMILY AND THE IMPORTANCE THAT FAMILY PLAYED IN STEVE'S LIFE.

HERE TODAY WITH US, AS WE MEMORIALIZE STEVE, ARE STEVE'S PARENTS. MARTIN AND SYBIL GILLMAN, STEVE'S SISTER, MARGIE, AND STEVE'S WIFE, RONNIE, WHO IS ACCCOMPANIED BY THEIR YOUNGEST CHILD, THREE MONTH OLD ELIZABETH STEPHANY GILLMAN. AND FAMILY WAS ALWAYS THE CENTERSTONE OF STEVE'S LIFE.

STEVE WAS INTERESTED IN PEOPLE. STEVE LOVED CHILDREN. HE LOVED THE OUTDOORS. HE LOVED FREEDOM. STEVE LOVED THE LAW. BUT HE WAS A WHOLE MAN. HE WAS NOT A SINGLE DEMENSION. IN SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS THAT I HAD SEEN, LETTERS OF REFERENCE THAT WERE IN STEVE'S FILE, I CAME ACROSS SOME OF THESE ENCAPSULED COMMENTS ABOUT STEVE OVER THE YEARS. IN ONE, THE WRITER SAID, "MR. GILLMAN IS A SUPERBE STUDENT AND PERSON. HE COMBINES AN EXCELLENT LEGAL CAPACITY WITH A WILLINGNESS TO WORK IN A MATURE, PLEASANT PERSONALITY. RARELY HAVE I MET A STUDENT WHO SEEKS MORE AT EASE, YET ALWAYS RESPECTFUL ASSOCIATING WITH ADULTS. ALTHOUGH RECENTLY MARRIED, HE HAS A DEEP AND SINCERE CONCERN FOR HIS FAMILY. HE KEEPS ABREAST MOREOVER OF NATIONAL AND WORLD AFFAIRS. IN SHORT, MR. GILMAN EXHIBITS A HEALTHY DESIRE OF MAKING A LIFE FOR HIMSELF WHILE BEING AWARE THAT HE IS ALSO PART OF A FAMILY AND SOCIETY."

IN ANOTHER LETTER FROM ANOTHER WRITER, AT ANOTHER

TIME, "HE IS A VERY ABLE LAW STUDENT AND I BELIEVE HE WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT LAWYER." THAT PROPHECY INDEED CAME TRUE. "HE TELLS ME THAT HIS GRADES SUFFERED FOR A TIME DURING A PERIOD OF EMERGENCY WHEN FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES INTERFERED WITH HIS STUDIES."

AND I SAID EARLIER, STEVE LEFT THE OFFICE OF LAW TO RETURN TO THOSE FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE END OF 1980. AND HE WAS WORKING WITH THE FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE TIME OF HIS UNTIMELY DEATH LAST SUMMER.

WE CAN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND WHY GOD HAS TAKEN STEVE AWAY FROM US AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOD'S PLAN FOR ANY OF US. AND WE CERTAINLY CAN'T DISCOVER WHAT HIS PLAN WAS IN THIS UNFORTUNATE EVENT. HIS FRIENDS AND HIS FAMILY CERTAINLY BEAR AND WILL CONTINUE TO BEAR THE GRIEF AND PAIN AND CONTINUE TO ASK WHY. WHILE WE HAVE NO ANSWER, WE ALL KNOW THAT DESPITE THIS AGONY AND TRAGEDY THAT WE HAVE. FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALIKE RECEIVED A GIFT FOR STEVE'S LIFE. FOR ALL OF US WHO WERE TOUCHED BY STEVE, WE ARE SURELY BETTER PERSONS FOR IT. STEVE'S LIFE SHOULD BE A MODEL TO US OF THOSE WHO HAVE PUT THE PRIORITIES IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME. WHO HAVE LINED UP THE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE. OF FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIP AND INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY. AND INDEED ENJOYED LIVING TO ITS FULLEST.

THE PSALMEST HAS SAID, "PRAISE THE LORD, FOR ALL WHO FEAR GOD AND TRUST IN HIM ARE BLESSED BEYOND EXPRESSION. YES,

HAPPY IS THE MAN WHO DELIGHTS IN DOING HIS COMMANDS. HIS CHILDREN SHALL BE HONORED EVERYWHERE, FOR GOOD MENS' SONS HAVE A SPECIAL HERITAGE. HE HIMSELF SHALL BE WEALTHY AND HIS GOOD DEEDS WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. WHEN DARKNESS OVERTAKES HIM, LIGHT WILL COME BURSTING IN. HE IS KIND AND MERCIFUL AND ALL GOES WELL FOR THE GENEROUS MAN WHO CONDUCTS HIS BUSINESS FAIRLY. SUCH A MAN WILL NOT BE OVERTHROWN BY EVIL CIRCUMSTANCES. GOD'S CONSTANT CARE OF HIM WILL MAKE A DEEP IMPRESSION ON ALL WHO SEE IT. HE DOES NOT FEAR BAD NEWS NOR LIVE IN DREAD OF WHAT MAY HAPPEN, FOR HE IS SETTLED IN THE MIND THAT JEHOVAH WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM, THAT IS WHY HE IS NOT AFRAID, BUT CAN CALMLY FACE HIS FOES. HE GIVES GENEROUSLY TO THOSE IN NEED. HIS DEEDS WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. HE SHALL HAVE INFLUENCE AND HONOR." INDEED, STEVE AND HIS DEEDS WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. HE HAS RICHLY TOUCHED OUR LIVES. THANK YOU.

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: THANK YOU. MR. OSTROM.

MR. HUTCHINSON: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MR. CARLTON GREEN, WHO WILL SPEAK TO US REGARDING HENRY BABCOCK.

HENRY A. BABCOCK

MR. CARLTON GREEN: YOUR HONORS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO MEMORIALIZE HENRY ALLEN BABCOCK IN THIS COURT. HE DIED OF CANCER ON APRIL 29, 1982, LEAVING HIS WIFE, DORIS, A SON, DAVID, WHO IS PRESENT HERE WITH US TODAY, A DAUGHTER, BARBAR, WHO IS A LAWYER OUT IN CALIFORNIA, TEACHES AT

STANFORD UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, AND A SON, STAR, WHO IS ALSO A LAWYER IN CALIFORNIA.

HE LEFT EACH OF US A LEGACY. HE TRULY WAS A LAWYER'S LAWYER. HE WOULD NOT WANT TO BE REMEMBERED IN THIS COURT FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. INSTEAD, I WOULD CHOOSE TO TELL YOU THE TYPE OF PERSON THAT HE WAS. TO THOSE OF YOU WHO DID NOT KNOW HIM, I WILL DESCRIBE HIM. HE PROBABLY DROVE THE OLDEST CAR AND MOST DILAPIDATED CAR THAT WAS EVER PARKED OUT HERE AT THE PARKING METERS BEHIND THIS COURTHOUSE. HE OFTEN WORE A BOW TIE. I DON'T THINK HE OWNED A THREE PIECE SUIT. HE DIDN'T NEED ONE. PEOPLE KNEW HE WAS A LAWYER.

THEY FOUND OUT WHEN HE PRESENTED HIS CASE THAT HE KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. HE DIDN'T WASTE WORDS. HE KNEW WHEN TO STOP, WHEN NOT TO ASK THE WRONG QUESTION. HE WASN'T PRETENTIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING. HE WAS SIMPLY HIMSELF, AND PROBABLY THE CLOSEST THING TO SAM IRWIN EVER TO COME OUT OF THIS COUNTY.

TO THOSE OF YOU WHO KNEW HIM, I WILL DESCRIBE THE 13 YEARS I WAS PRIVILEGED TO PRACTICE LAW WITH HIM. THE LAW WAS HIS LIFE. ON PRACTICALLY EVERY SATURDAY MORNING, RAIN, SNOW, SLEET, WHATEVER, HE WAS IN HIS OFFICE WITH HIS CLIENTS WHO COULDN'T FIND THE TIME TO COME SEE HIM DURING THE WEEK. HIS CLIENTS WERE OFTEN OUTCASTS, FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS. SOME OF THEM PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN MENTAL PATIENTS, BUT FOR THE MOST PART THEY WERE HARD WORKING BLUE COLLAR PEOPLE WHO HAD PROBLEMS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER. AND WHAT HENRY DID WAS TO LIVE THROUGH WITH

THEM WHATEVER PROBLEM THAT THEY FACED, AND IN THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE CASES BRINGING THE MATTER TO A SPEEDY, SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

I WAS THE ONE TO GO THROUGH HIS FILES, OVER THE LAST 36 YEARS, AND I SAW EACH ONE OF THOSE PROBLEMS. EACH PROBLEM, EACH FILE HAD A STORY. AND IN EACH CASE HENRY WAS THERE TO BE WITH HIS CLIENT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. HE AGONIZED OVER SOME CASES, NEVER STOPPED THINKING OF HOW HE COULD ULTIMATELY HELP HIS FELLOW MAN.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN THIS VERY COURTROOM, WHEN HE SPOKE OF HIS FRIEND, FRANK BOURNE, FRANK BOURNE BECAUSE A JUDGE ON THE DISTRICT COURT, HENRY DESCRIBED FRANK BOURNE AS A ONE MAN PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE. THIS ALSO DESCRIBED HENRY. BUT TO THAT I WOULD ADD HE WAS ALSO A ONE MAN LEGAL AID BUREAU WHO OFTEN NEVER CHARGED HIS CLIENTS ANYTHING FOR HIS SERVICES.

WHEN I SAY HENRY ALLEN BABCOCK LEFT US A LEGACY, I MEAN HE LEFT US AN EXAMPLE FOR LAWYERS TO STRIVE FOR. HE CARED WHAT WAS RIGHT AND WHAT WAS FAIR. HE LOVED THE LAW AND ALWAYS SOUGHT TO SEE THAT THERE WAS EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL, NOT JUST THE WEALTHY. HE WAS COMPETENT IN HIS CRAFT. ONE NEED ONLY REVIEW THE MARYLAND COURT OF APPEALS OPINIONS OVER THE LAST 36 YEARS TO SEE THE NUMBER OF CASES HE HAD BEFORE THAT COURT, MOST OF THEM HE WON. AND THEY DEMONSTRATE HIS FOCUS ON THE PROPER APPLICATION OF THE LAW TO THE FACTS IN THOSE CASES. THOSE CASES WILL REMAIN TO GUIDE US AND OTHERS FOR YEARS TO COME.

HIS DEFINITION OF WHAT A LAWYER WAS IS WORTH MENTIONING AGAIN IN THIS COURT. HENRY DESCRIBED A LAWYER AS ONE WHO COMFORTS THE AFFLICTED AND AFFLICTS THE COMFORTABLE. HENRY SPENT THE BULK OF HIS PRACTICE COMFORTING THE AFFLICTED AND ONLY RARELY AFFLICTING THE COMFORTABLE.

WHEN HENRY WAS DYING OF CANCER HE HAD ONE OVERRIDING CONCERN, AND THAT CONCERN WAS THAT ONE OF HIS CLIENTS HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF ARMED ROBBERY. WHEN HENRY FELT THAT HE HAD NOT DEFENDED HIS CLIENT PROPERLY. AS HE LAY IN HIS HOSPITAL BED DYING, HE KNEW HE WAS DYING, THE THING THAT WORRIED HIM MOST, WHICH WAS EATING AWAY AT HIM, WAS THAT AN INNOCENT MAN MIGHT BE GOING TO JAIL. ONE OF THE LAST THINGS THAT HE REQUESTED WAS THAT A PETITION BE FILED FOR A NEW TRIAL ON THE BASIS OF INCOMPETENCY OF COUNSEL. IT WAS I WHO HAD TO ESTABLISH THAT IN THIS COURT, TO CARRY OUT HIS LAST WISH. THE MEDICAL EVIDENCE WAS OVERWHELMING THAT THE CANCER HAD IMPAIRED HIS ABILITY TO VIGOROUSLY DEFEND HIS CLIENT. THIS COURT GRANTED THE NEW TRIAL. HENRY, EVEN IN HIS DEATH, WAS SEEING THAT JUSTICE WAS DONE.

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT EACH OF YOU WHO KNEW HIM HAS A STORY TO TELL ABOUT HIM, AND THAT EACH HAS A FOND MEMORY OF HIM. WE WILL MISS HIM.

TO HIS MEMORY I HAVE OFFERED THESE WORDS. HENRY ALLEN BABCOCK, A MEMBER OF THIS COURT FROM OCTOBER 29, 1946 TO APRIL 29, 1982.

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: THANK YOU, MR. GREEN.

MR. HUTCHINSON: YOUR HONOR, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE NOW, DAVID BABCOCK, SON OF HENRY, WHO IS BEING MEMORIALIZED HERE TODAY. AND HE HAS A FEW WORDS HE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS.

MR. DAVID BABCOCK: YOUR HONORS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I JUST HAVE A FEW WORDS, AND IT IS BASICALLY WHAT HENRY BABCOCK THOUGHT HIMSELF AND WHAT WE, AS FAMILY AND CLOSE ASSOCIATES KNEW THAT HE WAS.

I THINK A PERSON IS WHAT THEY THINK THEY ARE. HENRY BABCOCK WAS BORN AND GREW UP IN A SMALL TOWN IN NORTHEAST ARKANSAS. AND HE CAME TO PRACTICE IN LAW IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY IN 1946. AND HAVING RECENTLY TAKEN HIS REMAINS BACK TO HIS HOME TOWN, AND A VAGUE RECOLLECTION OF WHAT PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WAS LIKE IN 1946, THERE IS A TREMENDOUS SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE TWO.

WHEN ASKED WHAT HIS PROFESSION WAS, BY STRANGERS, HE WOULD SAY I AM JUST A COUNTRY LAWYER IN GENERAL PRACTICE. TO HIM, THAT MEANT RESPECTING THE COURT AND HIS ASSOCIATES AND BEING LOYAL TO THEM, HAVING A GREAT DEAL OF EMPATHY AND SYMPATHY FOR HIS CLIENTS, AND GIVING COUNSEL AS LONG AS COUNSEL WAS NEEDED, BOTH LEGAL AND A LOT OF PERSONAL CLIENTS, TO PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND ALL OF THEIR PROBLEMS. AND MOST OF ALL IT WAS PRESENTING THE BEST DEFENSE THAT HE WAS CAPABLE OF IN COURT.

AND MANY TIMES TALKING WITH HIM, HE COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY AN ATTORNEY WOULD WANT TO SPECIALIZE IN ONE AREA

OF THE LAW. HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY AN ATTORNEY WOULD REPRESENT A LARGE, IMPORTANT, IMPERSONAL CORPORATION IN LITIGATION THAT TOOK YEARS, AND HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY AN ATTORNEY WOULD CONCERN HIMSELF WITH A FEE; NOT THAT HE THOUGHT ANY OF THOSE THINGS WERE WRONG, HE JUST NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY AN ATTORNEY WOULD GET UP IN THE MORNING AND GO TO WORK IF HE HAD THOSE THINGS TO DEAL WITH.

TWO OF HIS THREE CHILDREN HAVE TAKEN UP THE LAW AS A PROFESSION. AND HE MANAGED, THROUGH ASSOCIATION, TO INSTILL IN THOSE CHILDREN SOME OF HIS COUNTRY LAWYER VALUES. AND HE TOOK GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR SUCCESS.

I LIVE AND WORK IN PHILADELPHIA. AND THERE ARE NO COUNTRY LAWYERS, AND IT IS A MUCH WORSE PLACE FOR IT.

WHEN HE CAME TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY IT WAS A RURAL, SLOW PACE, SLEEPY KIND OF A SMALL TOWN, WHERE JUDGES AND LAWYERS AND COURT OFFICIALS ALL KNEW EACH OTHER BY THEIR FIRST NAMES. THE COUNTY HAS CHANGED BUT HENRY BABCOCK NEVER CHANGED. UNFORTUNATELY, I THINK EACH YEAR, PROBABLY, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WILL LOSE A FEW MORE COUNTRY LAWYERS. AND I THINK THAT IS A REAL LOSS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. THANK YOU.

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: THANK YOU, MR. BABCOCK.

MR. HUTCHINSON: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, I WOULD LIKE TO NOW INTRODUCE STATE'S ATTORNEY ARTHUR MARSHALL, WHO WILL SPEAK TO US REGARDING SENATOR EDWARD CONROY.

EDWARD T. CONROY

MR. ARTHUR MARSHALL: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MARIE CONROY ASKED ME TO DON'T SPEAK AS LONG AS SAM TODAY. I DON'T THINK SAM BOGGLEY IS HERE.

I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK A MOMENT ABOUT ED CONROY. AS I KNEW HIM. NOT AS A LAWYER. NOT AS A LEGISLATOR. BUT AS A FRIEND. AND TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE MAN I KNEW. AND I KNOW ED WOULD BE EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT JUDGE McCULLOUGH IS HERE TODAY, AS WELL.

BECAUSE I PERHAPS GO BACK. AT LEAST IN THIS COMMUNITY WITH ED. A LITTLE BIT LONGER PERHAPS THAN ANYBODY ELSE, I KNEW ED AS A FIGHTER. I FIRST MET ED IN WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL IN 1953. HE WEIGHED LESS THAN 100 POUNDS AND HAD BURNS OVER HIS BODY IN EXCESS OF 90 PERCENT. HE HAD LOST HIS HAND. HIS LEG HAD BEEN FRACTURED. HE RECEIVED A SILVER STAR. HE RECEIVED TWO BRONZE STARS FOR VALOR. HE RECEIVED TWO PURPLE HEARTS IN KOREA. HE WAS WOUNDED ON A PLACE CALLED HEARTBREAK RIDGE. HE WAS MARRIED AT THAT TIME TO A YOUNG LADY BY THE NAME OF MARIE O'CONNOR. HE HAD COME FROM FORDHAM UNIVERSITY WHERE HE HOPED TO BE A DOCTOR. BUT THE LOSS OF HIS HAND, AT THAT TIME, PREVENTED THAT.

I LEFT THE HOSPITAL ABOUT THE SAME TIME, WITH ED. AND I MOVED IN WITH THEM. AND I TOOK ED AND MARIE TO THE HOSPITAL TO HAVE THEIR FIRST SON, EDWARD JOHN. I WAS THERE WHEN KEVIN BECAME THEIR SON.

MARY CONROY, ED'S MOTHER, IS STILL ALIVE AND LIVING IN PRINCE GOERGE'S COUNTY, BUT COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY.

I KNEW THESE PEOPLE AS FRIENDS. I KNEW ED IN PARTICULAR AS A FIGHTER. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS ED CONTINUED ON IN HIS FASHION. MANY OF YOU DIDN'T KNOW IT, I RECOGNIZED IT, I FELT IT AND I SAW IT REGULARLY BECAUSE HE WAS A FIGHTER IN CERTAIN AREAS THAT WERE VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM. HE WAS A FIGHTER FOR THOSE WHO WERE DISABLED, AS HE WAS. HE WAS A FIGHTER FOR THE ELDERLY. HE WAS A FIGHTER FOR HIS CHURCH. AND HE WAS A FIGHTER FOR VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS. AND I DON'T THINK, AND I HAVE GONE THROUGH EULOGIES OF ED THIS YEAR, SINCE HE DIED, THAT I DON'T THINK I CAN SAY MUCH MORE THAN HAS BEEN SAID BY OTHERS. BUT HE DEVOTED HIS ENTIRE LIFE TO THOSE PEOPLE AND THOSE THINGS THAT WERE SO IMPORTANT TO HIM.

HE WENT ON TO GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. HE RECEIVED HIS MASTERS DEGREE IN LAW AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY. HE GOT EVEN ME INVOLVED IN POLITICS. AND I GUESS I GOT HIM INVOLVED WITH OSCAR DULEY AND THE LAW OFFICE ACROSS THE STREET. WHEN OSCAR DIED, HE STAYED IN THAT PARTICULAR PRACTICE. BUT HE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS TO FIGHT FOR THOSE CAUSES AND THOSE THINGS THAT HE FELT MOST IMPORTANT. AND I THINK HE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED RECENTLY BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND AS PROBABLY BEING A CHAMPION OF THESE PARTICULAR TYPE OF CAUSES.

JUST RECENTLY THEY DEDICATED CHELTENHAM VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY ON BEHALF OF SENATOR EDWARD CONROY. HE HAS

LEFT HIS MARK ON THIS COUNTY AND THIS STATE: ON THIS COUNTY, I BELIEVE, AND CERTAINLY ON THIS BAR ASSOCIATION, THE PERSON WHO I BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE AND ARE PROUD OF. I WILL MISS ED, I WILL MISS HIS FIGHTING SPIRIT, HIS WILLINGNESS TO DEVOTE HIS TIME AND HIS ENERGIES TO THOSE THINGS WHICH WERE SO IMPORTANT TO HIM. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: THANK YOU, MR. MARSHALL.

MR. HUTCHINSON: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE, AT THIS TIME, ATTORNEY JOSEPH DePAUL WHO WILL SPEAK TO US REGARDING GLENN HARTEN.

GLENN HARTEN

MR. DePAUL: YOUR HONORS, YOUR HONOR AND FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND THOSE WHO KNEW GLENN HARTEN, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE WORKED WITH GLENN FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. RON WILLONER AND I WERE PARTNERS IN A LAW FIRM. GLENN CAME TO US AFTER HE FINISHED UP AT G. W. LAW SCHOOL. HE IMMEDIATELY MADE A MARK UPON OUR LIVES. HE TOUCHED MANY LIVES IN THIS ROOM.

THIS WAS A MAN WHO BROUGHT TO THE LAW A CERTAIN COMPASSION. HE BROUGHT A CERTAIN LEARNING. HE BROUGHT A DESIRE TO DO THE RIGHT THING. ABOVE ALL, HE EXEMPLIFIED THE LAW IN THE WAY HE HANDLED HIMSELF. BUT EVEN MORE THAN A GOOD LAWYER, GLENN HARTEN WAS A GOOD MAN WHO BENEFITTED THOSE WHO WERE AROUND HIM AND WHO BROUGHT AID AND COMFORT TO THOSE WHOM HE REPRESENTED. HE EXEMPLIFIED TO ME AND TO THOSE WHO WORKED WITH ME.

I THINK IN HIS YEARS IN THE COUNTY ATTORNEYS OFFICE HE LEFT A MARK. HE IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF THE LAW THERE WHILE HE WAS WORKING WITH THEM.

HE THEN PRACTICED BY HIMSELF. AND THEN HE WENT DOWN TO CALVERT COUNTY WHERE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS HE WAS THERE BOTH IN PRIVATE PRACTICE AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.

THOUGH YOU JUDGES, OF COURSE, AND MOST OF US AS LAWYERS HERE KNOW THE QUALITY OF WORK THAT HE DID, WE KNOW THAT HE WAS A GOOD MAN WHO HANDLED HIS CASES WELL. HE WORRIED OVER THEM, HE PUT A LOT INTO IT. HE BROUGHT A LOT TO THE LAW. HE LEFT US WITH A GOOD MANY THINGS TO REMEMBER HIM WELL BY. AND WE ARE PLEASED WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE WORKED WITH HIM.

MY FORMER PARTNER, RON WILLONER, WILL ALSO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MR. HARTEN.

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: THANK YOU, MR. DePAUL.

MR. WILLONER.

MR. RONALD WILLONER: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS OF GLENN'S FAMILY. GLENN BURCHAM HARTEN WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY IN 1934 IN HIS BELOVED CALVERT COUNTY, ON SOLOMONS ISLAND. WENT TO THE CALVERT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL. GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND IN 1954 AND THEN JOINED THE UNITED STATES NAVY AS AN OFFICER AND SERVED ON THE PENNINGTON AND THE HORNET IN THE PACIFIC. AND WHEN HE FINISHED HIS DUTY WITH THE NAVY HE WENT TO G.W. LAW SCHOOL, AS JOE

POINTED OUT, GRADUATED IN 1963.

IN 1963 HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE BAR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND HE CAME TO WORK FOR THE OLD FIRM OF KEANE, DePAUL AND WILLONER. AND HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT WAS A CASE THAT RECENTLY RAISED ITS HEAD. IT IS THE PARKER CASE. I AM VERY SORRY THAT JUDGE LOVELESS ISN'T HERE BECAUSE GLENN HAD A GREAT ROLE IN REVERSING HIM. IGNATIUS AND GLENN WORKED ON THAT BRIEF AND THEY WORKED, THEY MUST HAVE SPENT, I DON'T KNOW, THEY SPENT LITERALLY MONTHS ON IT. AND GLENN BROUGHT THE BRIEF IN TO ME AND HE SAID, "I WANT YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS." AND THE BRIEF COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE THAN FIVE PAGES, TYPEWRITTEN PAGES THIS WAS, THIS WAS FIVE TYPEWRITTEN PAGES. IT WAS VERY SHORT. I SAID, "YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR THREE MONTHS AND THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE GOT TO SHOW FOR IT?" I SAT DOWN AND READ IT. IT WAS THE BEST BRIEF I HAVE EVER READ, AT THAT TIME OR SINCE. IT WAS THE SHORTEST BRIEF, IT WAS TO THE POINT AND IT RESULTED IN A REVERSAL OF THE JUDGE'S DECISION. AND FOR THOSE -- I AM SURE THERE ARE NONE HERE -- BUT FOR THOSE WHO HAPPEN TO BE PARAMOURS, IT PRESERVED THE RIGHT OF A PARAMOUR TO USE THE DEFENSE OF SELF DEFENSE -- BUD DOESN'T AGREE WITH THAT -- ULTIMATELY --

MR. ARTHUR MARSHALL: FOR DIFFERENT REASONS.

MR. WILLONER: BUT THAT WAS GLENN'S -- THAT WAS A HECK OF A WAY TO GET STARTED. BUT ONE OF THE REASONS GLENN WAS SUCH A GOOD LAWYER WAS BECAUSE HE CARED. I LOVED TO GIVE HIM CASES TO WORK ON. AND WHEN HE LEFT OUR OFFICE AND WENT INTO PRIVATE

PRACTICE I LOVED TO REFER HIM CASES BECAUSE I KNEW HE WORRIED, HE ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT A CASE SO MUCH THAT YOU KNEW HE WOULD DO A GOOD JOB.

I REMEMBER ONE TIME HE HAD A WOMAN WHO WANTED TO GIVE UP HER CHILDREN. AND HE CAME IN TO ME AND HE SAID, "I AM REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THIS CASE. SHE WANTS TO GIVE UP HER CHILDREN AND I DON'T THINK SHE SHOULD." I SAID, "WHAT DOES SHE WANT TO DO?" SHE WANTED TO GIVE UP HER CHILDREN. I SAID, "GLENN, OUR JOB IS TO MAKE THE CLIENT HAPPY. WE ARE JUST AN AGENT FOR THE CLIENT. IF SHE IS HAPPY, GO AHEAD AND WRITE THE AGREEMENT." WELL, HE CAME BACK A COUPLE WEEKS LATER AND HE STILL SAID, "I AM NOT GOING TO DO IT." HE KEPT WORKING ON THAT WOMAN FOR SIX MONTHS. DELAYED THE SETTLEMENT OF THAT CASE AND EVENTUALLY CONVINCED THAT WOMAN TO KEEP THOSE CHILDREN. AND I AM SURE THE CHILDREN WERE MUCH BETTER OFF FOR HIS EFFORTS. BUT, GLENN WORRIED. HE WAS THE WORLD'S WORSE WORRIER.

MY MEMORIES OF GLENN, MY SON, I GUESS, WAS ABOUT TWO YEARS OLD WHEN WE WERE DOWN IN WHITE SANDS. AND HE WAS TEACHING MY SON HOW TO SWIM. HE WAS A FINE SWIMMER. A GREAT SAILOR AND A FISHERMAN. WE HAD A -- HE TAUGHT MY DAUGHTER HOW TO WATER SKI. BUT FISHING WAS THE THING. WE HAD A GROUP THAT WOULD GO FISHING THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING FROM 1964 ON. HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW JOHN IS HERE. AND JOHN AND I AND SOMETIMES JERRY STANBURY AND SOMETIMES JACK KEANE, BUT BASICALLY GLENN AND JOHN AND I WERE THE ONES THAT FISHED, AND WE FISHED WITH EVERY CAPTAIN. AND

ULTIMATELY WE STARTED FISHING WITH JOHN HIMSELF IN HIS BOAT. WE ALL HAD CERTAIN POSITIONS ON THE BOAT. WELL, GLENN -- I ALWAYS FISHED FROM THE Righthand, I MEAN THE Lefthand STERN AND GLENN WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME. AND GLENN JUST REALLY NEVER CAUGHT MANY FISH. I MEAN, WE HAD THESE BETS, YOU KNOW, FIRST FISH AND THE BIGGEST FISH. AND GLENN WOULD, I DON'T KNOW THAT HE EVER WON THAT. WELL, LAST YEAR, AND IF YOU ALL, ANY OF YOU KNOW ABOUT ROCK FISHING ON THE BAY THE LAST COUPLE YEARS HASN'T BEEN MUCH. WE HAVE CAUGHT A COUPLE HUNDRED POUNDS OF FISH IN THE PAST. WELL, WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH HOPE LAST YEAR. WE WENT OUT AND IT WAS SO ROUGH WE COULDN'T GO IN THE BAY. SO WE WENT UP THE RIVER, PATUXANT RIVER, AND THAT BELOVED, AS I SAY, THAT HE LOVED CALVERT COUNTY, AND JOHN SAID, "WE ARE GOING TO FISH A WRECK." NOW, WE FISHED THESE WRECKS, WE NEVER CATCH ANY FISH OFF THE WRECKS. IF YOU WOULD GO OVER THE FISH AND YOU SNAG THE WRECK YOU RUIN THE FISHING. AND JOHN LINES UP THE BOAT AND WE ARE GOING OVER THE WRECK AND ALL THE SUDDEN THE ROD DIPS AND I GOT MYSELF A GOOD ONE. JOHN SAID, "NO, YOU RUINED IT. YOU SNAGGED THE WRECK." I SAID, "NO, I GOT ONE." AND IT WAS ABOUT A 15 POUND ROCKFISH. WELL, THAT DAY, AND THAT WAS LAST THANKSGIVING, WAS THE DAY THAT GLENN PROBABLY CAUGHT THE MOST FISH, AND THE BIGGEST FISH. AND WE CAUGHT 20 ROCKFISH, THE SMALLEST WAS FIVE POUNDS. AND JOHN WENT OUT THE NEXT DAY AND HE DIDN'T GET ANY. AND HE WENT AGAIN ON THE SUNDAY AND HE DIDN'T GET ANY. AND I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THIS WAS GOD'S WAY OF SAYING GOODBYE TO GLENN.

ANYWAY, THAT IS THE WAY I REMEMBER GLENN. HE WAS A GREAT LAWYER, HE WAS A GOOD MAN, AND A GREAT FISHERMAN. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: THANK YOU, MR. WILLONER.

MR. HUTCHINSON: THANK YOU.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE NOW, ROBERT HARRIS, WHO IS THE BROTHER OF LINDA HARRIS NELSON, WHO IS BEING HONORED TODAY.

LINDA HARRIS NELSON

MR. ROBERT HARRIS: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TODAY WE ARE GATHERED HERE TO HONOR, AMONG OTHERS, A YOUNG MEMBER OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S BAR WHO PASSED AWAY THIS YEAR. IN JULY LINDA HARRIS NELSON LOST A QUICK BUT VICIOUS BATTLE WITH CANCER, A RESULT WHICH EVEN NOW IS HARD TO BELIEVE.

ALTHOUGH WE ARE HERE TO REMEMBER AND HONOR THOSE MEMBERS OF THE BAR WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY, LINDA'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN JUDICIAL, FINANCIAL, CIVIC OR ACADEMIC TERMS, AS THOSE AREAS ARE CUSTOMARILY DEFINED, ARE NOT PARTICULARLY EXTENSIVE. LINDA WAS IN THE SPRING OF HER LEGAL CAREER, ONLY THREE YEARS OUT OF LAW SCHOOL, AND HAD ENCOUNTERED LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE ACCORDING TO THESE CRITERIA. BUT I BELIEVE YOU, LIKE I, AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF LINDA'S FAMILY, AND ALL OF THOSE WHO KNEW HER WILL AGREE THAT HER CONTRIBUTIONS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND QUALITIES WERE AS MEMORABLE AS ANYONE'S.

THEY WERE EQUALY AS IMPORTANT IN OUR LIVES AS THOSE OF MANY RECOGNIZED JURISTS, SCHOLARS AND CIVIC LEADERS.

THE SPECIAL NATURE OF LINDA'S LEGACY TO US GIVES RISE TO A DIFFERENT BREED OF HONOR AND ADMIRATION THAN THAT TO WHICH WE ARE GENERALLY ACCUSTOMED. FOR EXAMPLE, WE OFTEN ADMIRE OUR PREDECESSORS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED GREAT FINANCIAL SUCCESS. WHILE LINDA PASSED AWAY AN EXTREMELY WEALTHY PERSON, HER RICHES WERE DEPOSITED IN NO BANK AND WERE INCAPABLE OF INCLUSION IN ANY FINANCIAL STATEMENT. IN FACT, HER PERSONAL ESTATE WAS MUCH SMALLER THAN WOULD NORMALLY BEFIT A MEMBER OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION ASSOCIATED WITH A WELL ESTABLISHED CITY LAW FIRM. INSTEAD, LINDA'S AFFLUENCE CONSISTED OF AN UNSURPASSED LEGION OF PEOPLE KNOWN AS FRIENDS. THIS WEALTH OF FRIENDS AROSE FROM LINDA'S REFRESHING GOODNESS AND GENEROSITY. SHE INVESTED HER TIME AND MONEY NOT IN PERSONAL POSSESSIONS BUT IN HER CONVICTION THAT PEOPLE SHOULD ENJOY THE PRECIOUS COMMODITY KNOWN AS LIFE. SHE EAGERLY SHARED HERSELF WITH ANYONE WHO DESIRED.

LINDA HAD A SPECIAL PERSONALITY WHICH WAS IMMEDIATELY EXPOSED TO THOSE SHE MET. HER WARMTH AND LOVE OF MANKIND. INDEED LOVE OF LIFE ITSELF. QUICKLY MESHED WITH NEARLY ANY PERSONALITY. IT TRANSCENDED ALL AGE, SOCIAL, INCOME AND OCCUPATIONAL BARRIERS AND QUICKLY CONFIRMED THOSE SHE MET AS LASTING FRIENDS RATHER THAN MERE PASSING ACQUAINTANCES. LINDA'S FUNERAL SERVICE ALONE BEARS WITNESS TO THE STRENGTH OF THOSE FRIENDSHIPS. THE CHURCH AND FUNERAL HOME SAW HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE

RANGING FROM NEIGHBOR CHILDREN TO JUDGES OF THIS COURT. MANY OF THE MOURNERS HAD KNOWN LINDA WELL FROM GRAMMAR SCHOOL TIMES. WHILE EACH OF THESE MANY FRIENDS NOW GRIEVES THE LOSS. IT REMINDS US OF LINDA'S TRUE WEALTH, A SELFLESS VIVACITY NOT SUBJECT TO ANY ESTATE TAX NOR PRONE TO DEPLETION BY ECONOMIC CYCLES.

WITH EACH OF US REMAINS THE VIVID RECOLLECTION OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A REAL PERSON. LINDA'S LEGAL AND ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE EquALLY SPECIAL. SHE WAS NEITHER PROFESSOR, AUTHOR, NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY, NOR JUDGE. ALTHOUGH MANY OF US SAW POTENTIAL. SHE, OF COURSE, GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND FROM THE LAW SCHOOL AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY. SHE EVEN WON VARIOUS HONORS AND WAS GRADUATED NEAR THE TOP OF HER LAW SCHOOL CLASS. SHE THEN WAS SELECTED AS LAW CLERK TO JUDGE MELBOURNE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AND LATER ACCEPTED IN AN ASSOCIATE POSITION IN A DOWNTOWN LAW FIRM.

LINDA'S REAL SUCCESS, EVEN IN THESE LEGAL AND EDUCATIONAL AREAS, HOWEVER, WAS THE EXTENT OF HER INFLUENCE AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE SELF FULFILLMENT OF OTHERS. AS HER BROTHER, ONLY ONE YEAR YOUNGER, I CAN SURELY TESTIFY TO THE IMPACT OF HER ADVICE AND EXAMPLE. WHEN I WAS UNDECIDED ABOUT ATTENDING COLLEGE SHE QUICKLY CONVINCED ME WHERE I BELONGED. WHEN SHE ENTERED LAW SCHOOL I IMMEDIATELY SPOKE WITH HER ABOUT THE DEMANDS AND REWARDS OF A LEGAL EDUCATION. I THEN BEGAN LAW SCHOOL THE FOLLOWING YEAR AND CONTINUED A HEALTHY COMPETITION BETWEEN US.

TODAY I OWE MUCH OF MY SUCCESS TO LINDA.

MORE DOES LINDA'S ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THIS AREA. WITH MY OWN EXAMPLE, I DARE SAY THAT LINDA WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PRESENT COLLEGE VENTURES OF MY TWO YOUNGEST SISTERS. AND WAS THE MOTIVATION FOR EVERY MEMBER OF MY FAMILY TO REACH HIS OR HER OWN POTENTIAL.

I AM ALSO PROUD TO SAY THAT LINDA'S INFLUENCE IN THIS AREA HAS YET TO STOP PRODUCING. THIS PAST WEEKEND A GROUP OF FRIENDS HELD A SPECIAL EVENT TO RAISE MONEY FOR A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN LINDA'S NAME AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL. WHILE THE FINAL FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE, AND ADDITIONAL GIFTS ARE EXPECTED, THE FUND NOW EXCEEDS \$4,000.00. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE BENEFIT WILL BE STAGED ON A CONTINUING ANNUAL BASIS SO THAT FUTURE LAW STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN THE SAME OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCCESS WHICH LINDA HAD SO CHERISHED.

THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT, I THINK, EXEMPLIFIES LINDA'S BASIC PHILOSOPHY. IT IS WHAT YOU DO FOR OTHERS THAT IS THE TRUE MEASURE OF SUCCESS.

WHILE HER LIFE WAS SHORT, SHE SURELY CLEARED THIS PATH FOR THE REST OF US TO FOLLOW. TO THOSE OF US WHO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF KNOWING LINDA, SHE WAS LIKE AN EARLY SPRING FLOWER, REMARKABLY REFRESHING AND UPLIFTING BUT DESTINED FOR ONLY A SHORT DISPLAY OF PERFECTION. I THINK THE AMERICAN POET, WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT, EXPRESSED IT BEST. HE SAID, "THE LOVELIEST OF LOVELY THINGS ON EARTH THAT SOONEST PASS AWAY. THE

ROSE THAT LIVES ITS LITTLE HOUR, IS PRIZED BEYOND THE SCULPTED FLOWER."

I THINK HAVING KNOWN LINDA WAS TO BE CALLED EARLY, THAT IS WHY GOD MADE HER THE WARM, GENEROUS, LIVELY, ENTERTAINING PERSON WHICH MANY OF US HERE RECOGNIZE. WHILE WE MAY MOURN LINDA'S PASSING, I FOR ONE DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN EVER CRY AS MUCH AS SHE MADE US LAUGH AND SMILE. BESIDES, WE MUST REMEMBER SHE IS NOT LOST BUT SIMPLY GONE BEFORE. THANK YOU.

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: THANK YOU, MR. HARRIS.

MR. HUTCHINSON: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, I WOULD NOW LIKE TO INTRODUCE SHERRI KRAUSER WHO WILL SPEAK TO US REGARDING MARY O'HARE.

HONORABLE MARY T. O'HARE

MRS. SHERRI KRAUSER: YOUR HONORS, MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARY O'HARE. IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT OUR BAR ASSOCIATION JOINED TODAY IN MEMORIALIZING CHIEF JUDGE MARY O'HARE OF OUR ORPHAN'S COURT. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT JUDGE O'HARE WAS NOT A LAWYER, NOR A MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION, SHE REPRESENTED OUR BAR ASSOCIATION IN HER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AND HER SERVICE ON THE ORPHAN'S COURT FOR 16 YEARS.

THE ORPHAN'S COURT WAS VERY DEAR TO HER AND THE BODY IN WHICH SHE TOOK GREAT PRIDE. SHE BELIEVED VERY STRONGLY THAT THE WORK OF THE ORPHAN'S COURT WAS IMPORTANT WORK, AND THAT IT

REQUIRED THE DEDICATION AND THE INTELLIGENCE OF GOOD LEGAL MINDS. TO THAT END SHE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO TEACH HERSELF THE VERY ASPECTS OF THE LAW WHICH WERE INVOLVED IN HER WORK.

SHE ONCE REMARKED TO ME THAT SHE WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE WORKED WITH HER HUSBAND, PEOPLE'S COURT JUDGE GEORGE O'HARE, IN HIS PRACTICE. SO THAT SHE HAD SOME WORKING FAMILIARITY WITH WHAT PROBATE LAW WAS ABOUT, AT LEAST IN TERMS OF THE TERMS INVOLVED AND THE BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT PEOPLE WHO CAME INTO A LAWYER FOR ADVICE IN THAT AREA WERE WANTING, WHAT THEY NEEDED. SO THAT SHE COULD BRING THAT KNOWLEDGE OF PEOPLE TO HER WORK ON THE COURT.

SHE ALSO HAD AN INNER CONFIDENCE WHICH GAVE HER THE ABILITY TO BUILD ON THAT WORKING FAMILIARITY SHE HAD, AND TO CONTINUE TO LEARN AND TO GROW IN TERMS OF HER KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW AND HER RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COURT AND TO THE PUBLIC. SHE TOOK THAT RESPONSIBILITY VERY SERIOUSLY.

THE PRESENT CHIEF JUDGE, PHIL NICHOLS, OF THAT COURT, TELLS A STORY THAT I WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER HERE. AND THAT IS THAT HE HAD ON THE DAY THAT THERE WAS A TREMENDOUS BLIZZARD, CALLED IN TO THE COURT TO SEE IF PERHAPS THE COURT WAS CLOSED, AND MAYBE HE SOULDN'T COME IN, ONLY TO FIND THAT THE PHONE WAS ANSWERED BY JUDGE O'HARE.

THOSE OF US WHO KNEW HER KNOW THAT SHE NOT ONLY OVERCAME BLIZZARDS BUT ALSO TREMENDOUS PHYSICAL INFIRMITIES OVER THE YEARS TO ESTABLISH HER DEDICATION TO THAT COURT AND TO KEEP

COMING AND TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE WAS THERE TO GET THE WORK DONE, TO SERVE THE PEOPLE WHO WERE GOING TO BE COMING IN WITH QUESTIONS, WHO WERE GOING TO BE COMING IN WITH PROBLEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THAT COURT.

WHILE SHE LOVED PEOPLE AND CERTAINLY ENJOYED TRAVELLING AND HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER PROBATE COURT JUDGES FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY, WHEN SHE ATTENDED NATIONAL CONFERENCES SHE OFTEN TALKED TO ME OF HOW IMPORTANT THAT THAT WAS FOR HER AS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE, THAT SHE REALLY WENT TO THOSE NATIONAL CONFERENCES IN ORDER TO LEARN JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT WHAT THE PROBATE COURT OUGHT TO BE DOING, WHAT SHE SHOULD BE DOING AS JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS COURT AND AS CHIEF JUDGE, THAT SHE HAD A ROLE AS A LEADER OF THAT COURT, THAT IT WAS SHE TO WHOM THE JUDGES OF THIS BENCH WOULD LOOK AS TO WHAT THE ORPHANS COURT OUGHT TO BE DOING, WHAT THEY CAN BE DOING, HOW ITS RESPONSIBILITIES COULD BE ENLARGED, WHAT MORE SHE COULD DO TO HELP SERVE OUR PUBLIC.

BUT ORPHANS COURT WAS HER SECOND LOVE, AND ALWAYS HAD TO BE. HER FIRST LOVE WAS VERY CLEARLY HER HUSBAND, GEORGE, AND HER FAMILY.

HER CONFIDENCE IN TACKLING NEW AREAS TO LEARN AND TO SERVE OTHERS, AS SHE DID IN SO MANY AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY WAS CERTAINLY AN INSPIRATION TO EACH OF THEM, AND TO ALL WHO KNEW HER, AND GAVE EACH OF THEM THE ABILITY TO GROW JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE IN THE DIRECTION THAT SHE INDICATED, SOMETIMES NOT SO

SUBTLY.

WITH ALL OF HER PHYSICAL INFIRMITIES THROUGH THE YEARS, IT ALWAYS AMAZED US HOW SHE COULD KEEP GOING AND HOW MUCH SHE COULD ACCOMPLISH. MARY O'HARE NEVER QUIT LEARNING, TRYING, WORKING AND CARING FOR THOSE AROUND HER. SHE RETIRED FROM THE COURT WITHIN JUST A FEW WEEKS OF HER DEATH, AND ONLY WHEN SHE WAS ABSOLUTELY ORDERED BY HER DOCTOR THAT SHE JUST COULD NOT MAKE IT BACK, SHE JUST COULD NOT GO ON ANY LONGER.

SHE DID NOT GIVE UP THOUGH EVEN THEN, AS HER FAMILY KNOWS, SHE WAS MAKING PLANS FOR A NEW LIFE IN HER DAUGHTER'S HOME IN MOUNT AIRY, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO AND DESCRIBING TO ALL WHO CALLED, THE BEAUTIFUL APARTMENT THAT ANN AND CHARLIE HAD PREPARED FOR HER. SHE WAS ALSO ACTIVELY WORKING ON A PET PROJECT OF HERS, THAT REALLY KEPT HER GOING DURING THOSE LAST FEW WEEKS, WHILE HER HEALTH FAILED SHE CONTINUED TO WORK AT LEAST A FEW HOURS EVERY DAY, NOT JUST TO KEEP HERSELF BUSY BUT BECAUSE SHE TRUELY BELIEVED SHE HAD TIME THAT GOD HAD GIVEN HER AND THAT THAT TIME WAS HERS TO USE TO HELP JUST ONE MORE PERSON.

JUDGE O'HARE BELIEVED VERY STRONGLY IN THE DIGNITY OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION. AND SHE ALWAYS SOUGHT TO INSPIRE AND INCOURAGE PARTICULARLY YOUNG LAWYERS AND LAW STUDENTS AND EVEN POTENTIAL LAW STUDENTS IN THEIR ENDEAVORS.

JUDGE O'HARE HAD A NATURAL GIFT FOR LOVE AND KINDNESS WHICH EXTENDED TO ALL THOSE AROUND HER, AND THEY EACH BECAME A PART OF HER FAMILY. THE WARMTH AND AFFECTION WHICH SHE HAD SO

GENEROUSLY BESTOWED UPON HER VERY LARGE, EXTENDED FAMILY NEVER STOPPED GROWING. HER FAMILY EXTENDED TO ALL THOSE WHO BECAME HER FRIENDS.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING WITH ME IN REMEMBERING HER CONTRIBUTION TO ALL OUR LIVES.

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: THANK YOU, MRS. KRAUSER.

MR. HUTCHINSON: YOUR HONOR, I MAKE A MOTION THESE REMARKS MADE HERE TODAY BE SPREAD UPON THE RECORDS OF THE COURT AND THAT A COPY OF THE APPROPRIATE REMARKS TO THE FAMILIES OF THE PEOPLE HEREIN HONORED BE SENT TO THE SURVIVING WIDOW OR MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY. THOSE NAMES AND ADDRESSES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MYSELF.

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: THE MOTION IS GRANTED. MR. HUTCHINSON.

MR. HUTCHINSON: I WOULD LIKE, AT THIS TIME, TO KNOW IF THE COURT HAS ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE CEREMONY?

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: JUST BRIEFLY. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR WE PAUSE AND REFLECT AND REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE BAR WHO HAVE PASSED DURING THE YEAR. THAT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES TO ME OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TALKED ABOUT TODAY, VERY PLEASANT MEMORIES. AND I AM SURE MANY MEMBERS OF THE BENCH ALSO HAVE HAD MEMORIES REFRESHED.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU, MR. HUTCHINSON, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR. FEISSNER, AS PRESIDENT OF THE BAR, AND THE

BAR ASSOCIATION FOR PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE SERVICES.

MR. HUTCHINSON: EXCUSE ME, YOUR HONOR. JUST ONE MORE THING. WE HAD FLOWERS HERE ON THE TABLE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH OF THE FAMILIES OF THE PARTIES WHO HAVE BEEN MEMORIALIZED HERE TODAY COME FORWARD AND TAKE ONE. TAKE IT TO YOUR HOME SO THAT IT WILL BE A LIVING MEMORIAL TO THE MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY WHO HAS BEEN HONORED HERE TODAY.

THANK YOU FOR COMING. IT IS GOOD TO HAVE A GOOD TURN OUT.

JUDGE McCULLOUGH: THANK YOU, MR. HUTCHINSON.

MR. BAILIFF, ANOUNCE ADJOURNMENT OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

(WHEREUPON, AT 4:00 O'CLOCK P.M., THE PROCEEDINGS WERE CONCLUDED AND THE COURT WAS ADJOURNED.)

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