

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Judges of the United States Courts of the Seventh Circuit desire to express their bereavement of the death on June 6, 1972 of their esteemed associate and fellow Judge, the Honorable Charles G. Briggie, Sr.

The intent of this resolution is to memorialize our great affection and admiration for the late Judge Charles G. Briggie.

Judge Briggie has had a long and illustrative judicial career. He was born on January 27, 1883 in Rushville, Schuyler County, Illinois, and graduated from Rushville High School in 1900. Judge Briggie attended College and Law School at the University of Illinois, having received his law degree in 1904. Judge Briggie was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma, Rho Chapter and Phi Delta Phi Law Fraternity. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Illinois College and has been named as an honorary member of the Order of the Coif at the University of Illinois.

Judge Briggie commenced the practice of law in Morris, Illinois, in 1905, and moved to Springfield, Illinois in 1907

where he practiced law until 1927. On December 15, 1908 Judge Briggles was married to Mary Ethel Stites.

He was Chairman of the Sangamon County Republican Central Committee from 1912 to 1922, and Master in Chancery in Sangamon County from 1917 to 1927. In 1927 the Judge was elevated to the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois as a Circuit Judge, serving until 1932. Judge Briggles was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois in 1932 by President Herbert Hoover upon the recommendation of United States Senator Otis F. Glenn, where he served with distinction until 1958 when he retired at the age of 75.

Judge Briggles earned the great respect of his fellow jurists during his tenure on the bench. He was all business on the bench, being prompt, concise and positive in his rulings and moving the trial to an expeditious conclusion. The business of the Court was conducted with dignity and dispatch. Justice was dispensed in a firm and even handed manner.

Judge Briggles believed in certain principles and remained adamant in espousing them. In one year the Court of Appeals reversed three of his decisions, but in all three cases the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the Judge.

His opinions were characterized with directness and brevity. His words were chosen from a clear, discerning, intelligent mind, and his thoughts flowed in a fluent prose to a logical conclusion. As a practitioner and jurist Judge Briggie was always considerate of his fellow lawyers, often stating that he never met a lawyer he didn't like.

Innately gentle of heart and inherently courteous and mild in manner, he treated everyone with respect. He devoted a large portion of his time to religious and civic organizations. He was an elder of Westminster Presbyterian Church, past President of the Sangamo Club, past exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge, and was a member of Central Lodge 71, A. F. & A. M., the Springfield Consistory and Ansar Shrine.

Judge Briggie contributed much to the law, and it will be recorded and followed even though he is gone. He lived not only in the lives of his fellow jurists, lawyers and friends, but also in the eyes of the law.

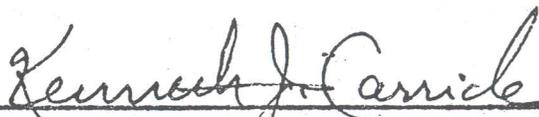
In closing, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Judges of the Seventh Circuit at their annual conference held in the City of Chicago on the 16th day of May, A. D. 1973, hereby give formal expression of their grievous loss at the death of

Judge Briggie, and do hereby note in their records the passing from this life of a man who was esteemed by his associates, loved by his friends, and respected by all.

RESOLVED FURTHER that a copy of this Resolution be tendered to his family as a humble expression of the Courts' heartfelt sympathy in its bereavement.

  
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Chief Judge of the United States  
Court of Appeals for the Seventh  
Circuit

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of the United States Court  
of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit  
and Secretary of the Judicial  
Conference of the Seventh Circuit

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH  
CIRCUIT HELD AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON MAY 15 AND 16, 1973

The Annual Judicial Conference of the Seventh Circuit convened, pursuant to Section 333 of Title 28 of the United States Code and Rule 15 of the Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, at 9:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 15, 1973, in the Four Georges Room of the Ambassador West Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Present were:

- Hon. William H. Rehnquist, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Seventh Circuit
- Hon. Thurgood Marshall, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States
- Hon. Luther M. Swygert, Chief Judge
- Hon. F. Ryan Duffy, Senior Circuit Judge
- Hon. John S. Hastings, Senior Circuit Judge
- Hon. Win G. Knoch, Senior Circuit Judge
- Hon. Latham Castle, Senior Circuit Judge
- Hon. Roger J. Kiley, Circuit Judge
- Hon. Thomas E. Fairchild, Circuit Judge
- Hon. Walter J. Cummings, Circuit Judge
- Hon. Wilbur F. Pell, Jr., Circuit Judge
- Hon. John Paul Stevens, Circuit Judge
- Hon. Robert A. Sprecher, Circuit Judge
- Hon. William J. Campbell, Senior District Judge
- Hon. William A. Steckler, District Judge
- Hon. Julius J. Hoffman, Senior District Judge
- Hon. Cale J. Holder, District Judge
- Hon. William G. Juergens, Senior District Judge
- Hon. Robert A. Grant, District Judge
- Hon. Omer Poos, Senior District Judge
- Hon. Edwin A. Robson, District Judge
- Hon. Richard B. Austin, District Judge
- Hon. James B. Parsons, District Judge
- Hon. S. Hugh Dillin, District Judge
- Hon. Hubert L. Will, District Judge
- Hon. George N. Beamer, District Judge
- Hon. Jesse E. Eschbach, District Judge
- Hon. Bernard M. Decker, District Judge