

MEMORIAL

HONORABLE MILTON B. BADT

To the Honorable Chief Justice Gordon Thompson, the Honorable Associate Justice Jon R. Collins, and the Honorable Associate Justice David Zenoff, of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada:

In obedience to your Order of April 21, 1966, the undersigned Committee, members of the Bar of the State of Nevada, respectfully submit the following Resolution, expressing the high regard, not only of the Bar, but of the Bench and of all the people of the State of Nevada, for the life and character of Justice MILTON B. BADT, and the deep grief and sadness caused by his passing.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable MILTON B. BADT, who served the State of Nevada as District Judge and Justice of the Supreme Court, both as Associate and Chief Justice, departed this life on April 2, 1966; and

WHEREAS, by a long and diligent life in his profession and on the Bench, he honored the State of Nevada and his country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Justice MILTON B. BADT was a product of the State of Nevada. He was born July 8, 1884, and received his early education in the State of Nevada, and his legal education at Hastings College of Law in the State of California. He was admitted to the practice of law in

1908, and practiced in San Francisco until 1914, when he moved to Elko, Nevada. He lived and practiced law in Elko until 1945, when he was appointed to the District Bench. In 1947, he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Nevada, and moved to Carson City, Nevada, where he continued to live until his death. He served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada from January, 1951, to January, 1953, and from January, 1957, to January, 1959, and again from January, 1961, to January, 1963.

He was married on June 29, 1927, to Gertrude L. Nizze and to this union there came two children, Milton B. Badt, Jr., now a Western Electric engineer stationed in Germany, and Nancy Badt Drake residing in Fairhaven, New Jersey. He enjoyed an ideal family life. He was of a kindly disposition, yet firm in the matter of personal habits. He enjoyed his neighbors, and was modest and retiring. He was equally at home with the prince and the ordinary citizen. He was beloved by his fellow lawyers.

Before assuming his duties on the Bench, Justice BADT enjoyed a substantial law practice. From time to time, he was City Attorney of Elko, Carlin and Wells. His practice embraced mining, grazing rights and water rights. He enjoyed the confidence of the people of his community—confidence in his legal ability, his loyalty, his absolute integrity and trustworthiness.

Justice BADT, although a busy man, and eminent in his profession, was an outstanding citizen. He loved his country and his state. He was generous in his contribution of time and substance in all worthwhile community projects. He was active in Rotary and in the local Chamber of Commerce. He was Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge and Master of the Masonic Lodge. He became interested in Scouting and was chosen on the Executive Boards, both state and national. He served on local school boards. In these activities he was always a wise counselor, a diligent worker, a devoted friend.

Justice BADT did not neglect the public duties of his profession. He was an active member of the American

and State Bar Associations and the American Judicature Society, taking his place on committees and ever watchful of the judicial branch of our government. In 1963, he received signal recognition from his Alma Mater, Hastings College of Law, by being named, among all graduates, as the "Man of the Year."

Justice BADT's decisions, while a member of the Supreme Court of Nevada, were distinguished by the depth of his reasoning, based upon his abilities and experience, and were always aptly, and many times refreshingly, phrased.

Until his final illness, Justice BADT was an avid scholar. He not only kept himself well informed on current events and current developments in the law, but pursued a vigorous program of study in the fields of literature, music, art and foreign languages. He was well known and admired for his flawless and effective use of the English language and his thorough knowledge of Latin. His unquenchable thirst for knowledge and perfection was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Justice BADT will be missed—not only by his close associates on the Bench, and all members of his profession, but by every citizen who cherishes his home and loves his country and his state and believes in democracy and human dignity. He devoted a long life to his ideals, for which we will be ever grateful.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That this Resolution be approved by this Court and become a part of the permanent record thereof.