

RESOLUTIONS

**UNITED STATES COURTS
for the
EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

**Adopted
Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference
The Broadmoor
Colorado Springs, Colorado
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IN MEMORIAM

of

THE HONORABLE RICHARD E. ROBINSON

United States Senior District Judge

District of Nebraska

Presented by: The Honorable Lyle E. Strom
Chief Judge
United States District Court
District of Nebraska

The judges of the Eighth Circuit, meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the 1991 Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference, take notice of the death of the Honorable Richard E. Robinson on January 28, 1991, at Omaha, Nebraska.

Judge Robinson was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on February 3, 1903. He attended Creighton University College of Arts and School of Law and received an LL.B. in 1927. He was formerly Finance Commissioner of the City of Omaha, a member of the Omaha Airport Commission, and chairman and a member of the Tri-Partite Panel of the National War Labor Board. He served as a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Probation System. He was a member of the Omaha Bar Association, the Nebraska Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the American Law Institute, the American Judicature Society, the Institute of Judicial Administration, and the World Association of Judges.

Judge Robinson was married to the former Florence Rich, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his two sons, Thomas E. Robinson, an Assistant Solicitor with the United States Department of Interior, and John L. Robinson, a teaching physician and cardiologist at Ohio State University Medical Center, and by two grandchildren.

Judge Robinson was appointed United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska on July 3, 1956, and entered on duty August 14, 1956. He became chief judge on May 1, 1957, and took senior status on January 7, 1972. Those are just the statistics, but they do not truly describe our friend.

Many people will remember Judge Robinson as a great judge—and he was—but more importantly, he will be remembered as a kind, caring, and compassionate man, whose character was tempered with a firmness and fairness for all who knew him and for those who came before him. He will be remembered for his

professional demeanor, his wisdom, his legal ability, and his integrity. He once said of a fellow judge: "I am a different and better person, and a better judge for having known and worked closely with him." All of us here can say the same about Judge Robinson. We all benefit from the legacy which he leaves to his friends and colleagues. Those of us privileged to work with him also will remember the great respect he held for the federal judiciary and his determination that he do nothing to tarnish its image or that respect which he believed all federal judges should receive. And finally, he was an indefatigable worker, always intent on being sure that he carried his share of the work of our court.

The members of our court express their sympathy to his sons, Tom and John, and their families.

Mr. Chairman, I move that this Judicial Conference adopt this resolution, that it be spread upon the records of this meeting, and that a copy of it be transmitted to his family and to his staff.

Would you all please rise and join me in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Judge Robinson.