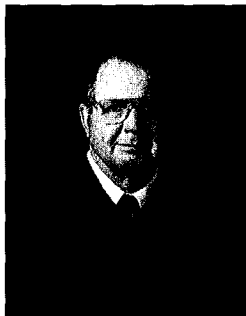


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RESOLUTION

IN MEMORIAM
of
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM G. CAMBRIDGE
United States District Judge
District of Nebraska



Presented by:
The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon
Chief Judge, United States District Court
District of Nebraska

We, the bench and the bar of the Eighth Circuit, gathered at the 2005 Judicial Conference, hereby honor our respected colleague and friend, William G. Cambridge, and take notice with sorrow of his death on September 30, 2004, in Omaha, Nebraska due to complications as a result of pulmonary fibrosis. We will remember him with lasting admiration and affection.

Judge Cambridge was born in Atlantic, Iowa, on December 13, 1931. He graduated from Omaha Central High School in 1949 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska. Judge Cambridge later attended law school at the University of Nebraska College of Law, graduating second in his class.

For two years following law school, Judge Cambridge served in the United States Army and served an additional eight years as a member of the Army Reserve. After leaving active duty, Judge Cambridge moved to Hastings, Nebraska.

Before ascending to the bench, Judge Cambridge maintained

his own law firm from 1957 until 1981. He was also very active in the community, serving on the Hastings College Board and as an attorney for the Hastings Public Schools.

Judge Cambridge was appointed by Governor Charles Thone in 1981 to serve as a district judge in the Tenth Judicial District. During this judgeship, he held trials in seven different counties in Nebraska. Lawyers praised Judge Cambridge for “running a tight ship” while being “one of the most approachable judges in the state.”

After a “stellar legal career” at the state level, according to former Senator J.J. Exon, Judge Cambridge was appointed and confirmed as a judge for the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska on May 27, 1988.

In 1994, Judge Cambridge became Chief Judge and served in that capacity until November 1, 1999. While serving in this position, Judge Cambridge oversaw the completion of the Roman L. Hruska United States Courthouse in Omaha, Nebraska. Judge Cambridge devoted an enormous amount of time to this project, and his great dedication and commitment helped turn the splendid design of the Hruska blueprints into a functioning, elegant workplace.

Judge Cambridge was a truly extraordinary man. While supervising construction of the new courthouse and maintaining a caseload of over 570 cases, the judge still found time to serve on the Judicial Council of the Eighth Circuit. He served on that council for five years. Even while facing severe medical problems, Judge Cambridge never once complained about his workload.

Judge Cambridge is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Jean C. Cambridge, his daughters, Elisa Ann Poulson and Karen Lynne Portwood, grandchildren, and numerous friends and colleagues. He is remembered as a modest man who credited others for his success.

Judge Cambridge was a man who ruled on the bench with integrity, fairness, and humility. He will also be remembered for his timely sense of humor. On his last day on the United States District Court bench before he retired, Judge Cambridge was heard to say, “I have love and respect for the law. I have enjoyed my years on the bench, but the law is a jealous mistress, and my wife says I’ve spent

enough time with her.”

Judge Cambridge was very appreciative to all those who helped him along the way. He was quoted as saying:

I'd like my swan song to be a litany of thanks to the people who helped me through the years, secretaries, agency heads – probation, pretrial. And the jurors, God bless them. They're what really makes the system work. I'm absolutely in awe of them. And I thank the people that made my career possible, the law professors, people that let me serve them as a lawyer, and the people who were instrumental in appointing me to the state bench as well as the federal bench.

Judge Cambridge was a remarkable man with an unmatched talent to practice law and administer justice. He will be remembered as an intelligent, fair, attentive, honest, funny, and humble judge. With characteristic humility, Judge Cambridge once stated that he was a fortunate person to have practiced law as long as he did, and to have had the opportunities to sit on both the state and federal benches. It was truly our honor to have Judge Cambridge as a member of our court and to be associated with such a noteworthy individual.

I respectfully move for the adoption of this resolution and request that copies be sent to Judge Cambridge's family.