

APPENDIX.

RICHARD T. MERRICK.

THE BAR OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES met in the court-room, in the Capitol, Washington, on Monday, December 14, 1885, at 11 o'clock, A.M., to pay respect to the memory of the late RICHARD T. MERRICK.

On motion, Mr. GEORGE F. EDMUNDS was called to the chair, and Mr. JAMES H. MCKENNEY was elected Secretary.

Mr. EDMUNDS, on taking the chair, addressed the meeting as follows :

GENTLEMEN OF THE BAR : We have met, as we often have done before, to go through the not perfunctory ceremony of paying our last sad tribute to the worth and memory of one of us whom we have so often heard with pleasure, and who has now gone to his reward. I have known Mr. MERRICK ever since the somewhat long time that I have been connected with public affairs in Washington. Although differing widely in our political associations and opinions, we were not the less firm friends, and I had for him a very high admiration. A man of learning, honor, industry, persistence, he was an ornament to the Bar and a great aid as a counsellor to the Court. All that we can do is to express our appreciation of his life and services, and our sorrow at his untimely departure.

On motion of Mr. J. RANDOLPH TUCKER the following gentlemen were appointed by the Chair to constitute a Committee on Resolutions : Mr. J. RANDOLPH TUCKER, Mr. A. R. LAWTON, Mr. ROBERT S. GREEN, Mr. JOHN W. DANIEL, Mr. WILLIAM A. MAURY, Mr. J. HUBLEY ASHTON, Mr. A. PORTER MORSE.

The committee thereupon retired, and, on returning, reported, through Mr. TUCKER, the following resolutions for adoption.

The Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States have met to express their profound sense of the loss they have sustained in the death of the Hon. RICHARD THOMAS MERRICK, and to bear their testimony to the public and private virtues which marked his distinguished career : Be it therefore

Resolved, That in the death of their departed brother they have been deprived of association with one who was a gifted and brilliant advocate, an able, laborious, and learned lawyer, and a conscientious and wise counsellor. His spotless character, his bold and fearless discharge of forensic duty, his devotion to his country and its free institutions, and his fidelity in all the other relations of life, have commanded public esteem and confidence, and deserve to be commemorated by the profession upon which he has shed the lustre of his pure and exalted name.

Resolved, That the sincere sympathies of this meeting are hereby tendered to the orphan children and family of our deceased brother.

Resolved, That the chairman of this meeting is hereby requested to send an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased, and that the Attorney-General be requested to lay the proceedings of this meeting before the Supreme Court of the United States for such action as may be appropriate.

Mr. TUCKER moved the adoption of the resolutions, and, after remarks by Mr. TUCKER, Mr. THOMAS F. BAYARD, Mr. GEORGE TICKNOR CURTIS, Mr. A. R. LAWTON, Mr. ATTORNEY-GENERAL, and Mr. Z. B. VANCE, they were unanimously adopted.

On Friday, the 18th of December, 1885, upon the opening of Court, Mr. ATTORNEY-GENERAL addressed the Court as follows :

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT : At a meeting of the Bar of this Court held last Monday in this chamber, to give expression touching the death of our late distinguished brother, RICHARD T. MERRICK, suitable resolutions were adopted, and I, as Attorney-General, was requested to present them to this Court for such action as might be deemed proper for the Court to take. My own relations with the deceased, and his bright and honorable record in this Court, make the performance of this duty by me one of melancholy pleasure, and I now comply with that request.

Mr. CHIEF-JUSTICE WAITE thereupon directed that the resolutions be placed on the files of the Court.