

In Memoriam

Patrick A. McCarran

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEVADA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE DEATH OF }
HONORABLE PATRICK A. McCARRAN } ORDER

In respect to the memory of the late HONORABLE PATRICK A. McCARRAN, who served for many years as a Justice and Chief Justice of this Court and who departed this life on the 28th day of September, 1954.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Virgil H. Wedge, as chairman, Charles A. Cantwell, Orville R. Wilson, Hon. William D. Hatton, A. L. Scott, A. W. Ham, Sr., Hon. William E. Orr, George J. Kenny and William Woodburn, Sr. be, and they hereby are, appointed as a committee to draft and present to this court suitable resolutions expressing the high esteem in which he was universally held and the sorrow of the members of the Bench and Bar of Nevada because of his passing.

Done at Carson City, Nevada, this 4th day of October, 1954.

EDGAR EATHER,
Chief Justice.
CHARLES M. MERRILL,
Associate Justice.
MILTON B. BADT,
Associate Justice.

Attest: Ned A. Turner,
Clerk of the Supreme Court.

To the Honorable Chief Justice EDGAR EATHER, the Honorable Associate Justice CHARLES M. MERRILL, and the Honorable Associate Justice MILTON B. BADT, of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada:

In response to your Order entered October 4, 1954, the undersigned members of the Bench and Bar of the State of Nevada respectfully submit the following Resolution, attempting to express the high esteem in which the late United States Senior Senator for Nevada, Honorable PATRICK A. McCARRAN, was universally held, and

the sorrow of the members of the Bench and Bar of Nevada because of his passing.

VIRGIL H. WEDGE,

Chairman.

CHARLES A. CANTWELL,

ORVILLE R. WILSON,

WILLIAM D. HATTON,

A. L. SCOTT,

A. W. HAM, SR.,

WILLIAM E. ORR,

GEORGE J. KENNY,

WILLIAM WOODBURN, SR.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Honorable PATRICK A. MCCARRAN, who served for many years as Justice and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada, departed this life on September 28, 1954; and

WHEREAS, The stepping stones on which he ascended to the pinnacle of international fame are epitomized in the biographical sketch appearing as follows in the February, 1954 Congressional Directory for the 83d Congress:

"MCCARRAN, PAT (Patrick A.), Democrat, United States Senator; born in Reno, Nevada, August 8, 1876; son of Patrick and Margaret (Shea) McCarran; married Martha Harriet Weeks, August 10, 1903; children—Margaret (Sister Margaret Patricia, H.N.), Mary (Sister Mary Mercy, H.N.), Norine, Patricia (Mrs. Edwin P. Hay), and Patrick Samuel; A.B., University of Nevada, 1901; A.M. 1915; honorary LL.D., 1945; honorary LL.D., Georgetown University, 1943; engaged in farming and stock raising in Nevada; member Nevada State Legislature, 1903; sponsor first State 8-hour day law in United States for mines, mills, and smelters (1903); representative of Nevada to National Irrigation Congress, 1904; admitted to Nevada bar, 1905; practiced in Tonopah and Goldfield during the mining booms of those places; district attorney, Nye County, 1907-9; resumed practice in Reno, 1909; associate justice Supreme Court of Nevada, 1913-17, chief justice, 1917-18; author of many legal opinions, leading cases on water, mining, corporations, domestic relations, criminal law, and civil procedure under the Code (Nevada Reports, 35 to 42); member, Nevada State Library

Commission, 1913-18; member, Nevada Board of Pardons, 1913-18; member, Nevada State Board of Parole Commissioners, 1913-18; State chairman, Four-Minute Men, World War I; president, Nevada State Bar Association, 1920-21; president Truckee River Water Users Association, 1921-22; vice president, American Bar Association, 1922-23; chairman, Nevada State Board of Bar Examiners, 1931-32; Member United States Senate since 1933; author, first bill introduced in Congress for a separate Air Force (1933); opposed Court packing bill (1937); author, Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938; coauthor, Civilian Pilot Training Act (1939); author, Silver Purchase Act of 1939; author, National Cattle Theft Act, 1941; chairman, Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, 1942-43; chairman, Senate Special Committee for Industrial Decentralization, (1943-46); chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, 1943-46 and 1949-53; author, first Urban Redevelopment Act passed by Congress (1944); chairman, Conference of Western Senators since 1944 (reelected annually); author, Reorganization Act of 1945; author, Federal Airport Act, 1945; author, National Aircraft Theft Act, 1945; coauthor, Administrative Procedure Act (1946); author, Federal Judiciary Salary Act (1946); author, Silver Purchase Act of 1946; chairman, Joint Congressional Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation, 1946-50; chairman, Special Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Cooperation, 1950-52; author, Internal Security Act (1951); chairman, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee since its creation in 1951; chairman, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Mutual Security, 1952; author, Immigration and Nationality Act (1952); member American Bar Association and Nevada State Bar Association; member, bars of Nevada, Arizona, California, Utah, and United States Supreme Court; member, honorary society, Phi Kappa Phi; third ranking minority member, Senate Appropriations Committee; member, Appropriations Subcommittee on Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and the Federal Judiciary; home, 401 Court

Street, Reno, Nevada; Washington, D. C., residence, 4711 Blagden Avenue; office: Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.”; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Bench and Bar of the State of Nevada enjoyed a warm association with the great man as his stature became internationally recognized and his prestige as a leader of men grew, we share now as we did then in the unique pride of the ascendancy of a friend, for in truth, his prestige has continued to grow even in death. His great character which manifested itself throughout the world, was molded in our presence. His great individualism, which even his enemies respected, was forged in the courts of our own State of Nevada. His passing from public life has left a void in the component parts of Government, in our State and in our Nation; a void which is, and will continue to be, felt and mourned by free nations on all continents.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, That it is not our purpose to mourn the loss of our brother; he would not wish it so. However, it is our purpose to raise high his magnificent example for all to view, so that we may in life be guided by it and approach our grave as he did, “with an unfaltering trust,” when that time comes. Paraphrasing an old familiar song:

“He is gone and we shall miss him,
Truly it may now be said,
Dirges from the pine and cedar
Mingle with the tears we shed.”

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Court, and ordered spread upon its minutes and published in the next volume of the Nevada Reports.