

Supreme Court of Florida

PROCLAMATION IN RE THE HONORABLE JOSEPH NESBITT

WHEREAS, The Honorable Joseph Nesbitt served the Judicial Branch of Florida with great distinction, professionalism, and honor for more than three decades, with a judicial career that spanned nine years as a circuit court judge in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, twenty years as an appellate court judge in the Third District Court of Appeal, and six years as a senior judge; and

WHEREAS, Judge Nesbitt was a lifelong resident of Florida who was born in Leesburg on January 16, 1930, moved at a young age to Homestead, graduated from the University of Florida, attended law school at the University of Miami, with his beloved wife Lenore raised a family in south Florida, and spent the last years of his life in Winter Park; and

WHEREAS, Judge Nesbitt's commitment to public service extended beyond the judiciary to include service in the United States Army as a First Lieutenant during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954, Special Liaison to the Attorney General in 1957, and as an Assistant Attorney General from 1959 to 1964; and

WHEREAS, Judge Nesbitt's long-standing judicial career epitomized judicial collegiality and professionalism, reflected his vast knowledge of and devotion to legal procedure, manifested impeccable and diligent scholarship, and demonstrated a fair and open mind; and

WHEREAS, Judge Nesbitt was a force not only in the local judiciary but also the Florida justice system, earning high esteem and respect from his fellow jurists and being elected by his colleagues as President of the Florida Conference of District Court of Appeal Judges; and

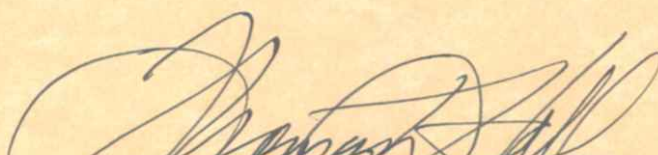
WHEREAS, Judge Nesbitt was a leader on matters of great importance to the Florida Judicial Branch as reflected by his competent and distinguished service on numerous bench and bar committees including the Committee on Standards of Conduct Governing Judges, District Courts of Appeal Manpower Committee, Florida Bar Administrative Law Committee, and the Local Rules Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Judge Nesbitt always conducted himself in a manner that reflected credit to the bench; performed his professional duties in a most distinguished manner; earned the affection and admiration of colleagues at all levels of the court system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Supreme Court of Florida hereby expresses its heartfelt sorrow upon the death of The Honorable Joseph Nesbitt and expresses enormous gratitude for his extraordinary contributions to the Florida State Courts System and all citizens of this great state.

AND THE SAME is hereby ordered and done at Tallahassee, Florida on March 24, 2006.


BARBARA J. PARIENTE, Chief Justice


ATTEST: THOMAS D. HALL, Clerk

