

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT

RESOLUTION

*In Memoriam*

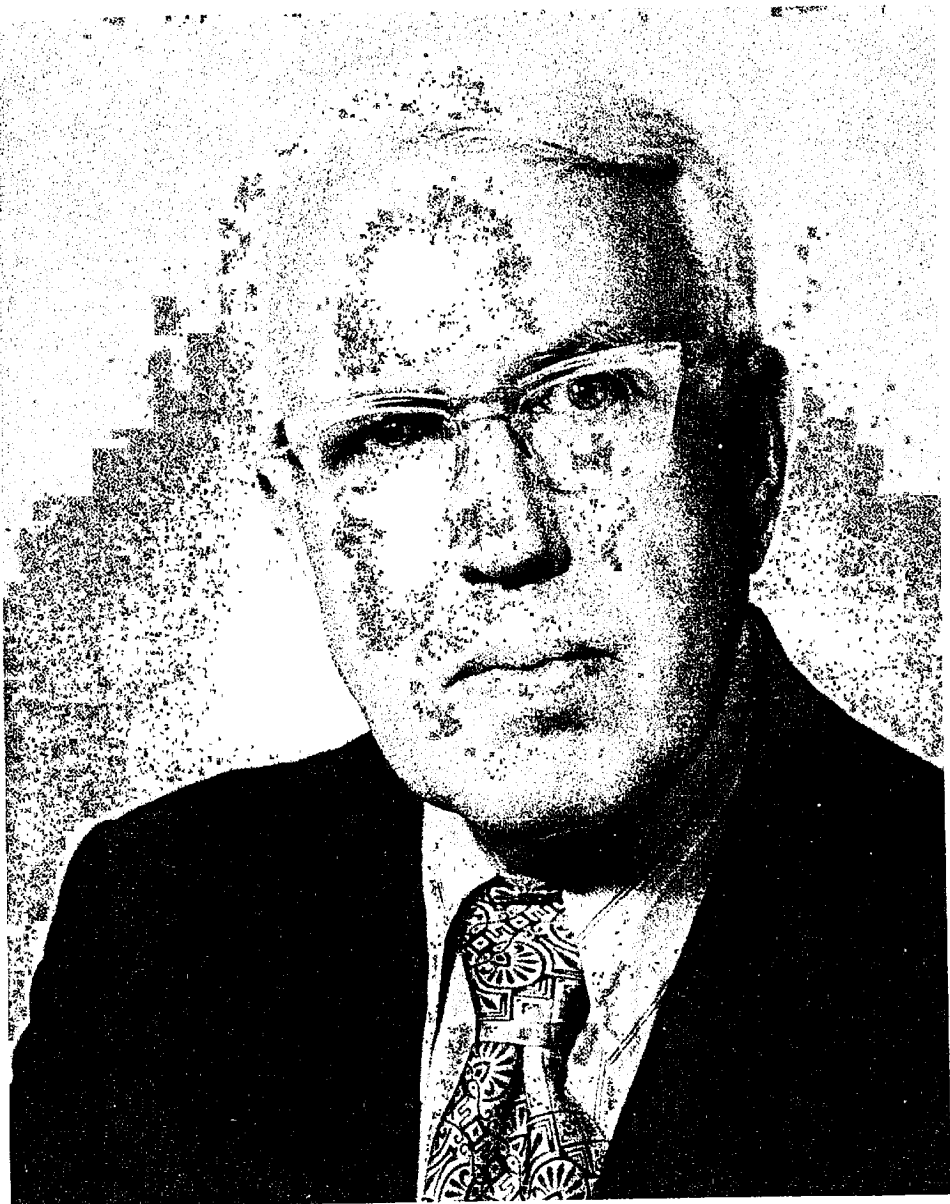
of

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM E. DOYLE

**Presented by:**

HONORABLE WILLIAM J. HOLLOWAY, JR.  
Chief Judge

July 30, 1987



HONORABLE WILLIAM E. DOYLE

# Resolution

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With profound sorrow we record the passing of the Honorable William Edward Doyle on May 2, 1986, after the completion of a long and distinguished career of judicial service and faithful companionship to his family and a multitude of friends.

Judge Doyle was born February 5, 1911 at Denver, the son of William R. and Sarah Harrington Doyle. In 1939 Judge Doyle married Helen Roberta Sherfey of Washington, D.C. whom he met during law school. Mrs. Doyle is a resident of Fort Myers, Florida, and Judge and Mrs. Doyle have a son Michael and a daughter Susan, both of Denver. Judge Doyle attended West High School in Denver where he was an All City football player. He attended the University of Colorado at Boulder and there received a Bachelor of Arts degree. He served with distinction as a Non-Commissioned Officer in European and North African Campaigns in World War II and was given a commission as a Lieutenant in the Army after World War II.

Judge Doyle received his LL.B degree from George Washington University Law School in 1937, and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1977 from the University of Colorado. He was a lifetime scholar and devoted himself both to teaching and to study throughout his life. In 1982 he received a Master of Laws degree from the University of Virginia College of Law after the completion of two special summer programs for judges, and the writing of a thesis on slavery. He received the St. Thomas More award, the highest honor of the Catholic Lawyers' Guild, and was a member of the Order of the Coif and the Order of St. Ives.

The esteem in which Judge Doyle is held is perhaps demonstrated most dramatically by the founding of the William E. Doyle American Inn of Court in Denver. The Inn is the first in Colorado and Judge Doyle is the first person to be honored by having this fine institution named after him. Among the members of the Inn are Justice White, Judge John Moore of our Circuit, and Judge Doyle's dear and valued friend, senior Judge Alfred A. Arraj.

Judge Doyle practiced law in his home city of Denver following World War II and then served as a judge of the Colorado State District Court in 1948 and 1949. He was a Chief Deputy District Attorney of Colorado in 1949, 1950 and 1951. He was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court of Colorado in November 1958 and

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served on that Court from 1959 until 1961, when he was appointed a United States District Judge by President Kennedy.

Judge Doyle handled an unusually heavy caseload on the federal district court, and bore responsibility for the historic Denver Keyes School desegregation case.\* On May 17, 1971, he was appointed a United States Circuit Judge of the Tenth Circuit by President Nixon. Coming to the court during a critical time of the explosion of the caseload of the court, Judge Doyle made a memorable contribution and authored 644 published opinions for the Court of Appeals. He also found time to serve on two important committees of the United States Judicial Conference, the Committee on Administration of the Bankruptcy System, and the Committee to implement the Magistrates' Act, of which he was Chairman from 1968 to 1970. In addition he taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Denver College of Law and as a part-time professor at Westminster College of Law. He was a visiting lecturer at the University of Colorado at various times.

Judge Doyle devoted himself to his family, to his teaching and work with his loyal office staff, and he guided the younger judges coming on the court with affection and kindness. His career of public service is an imperishable page in the history of the federal judiciary.

Accordingly, the Judicial Conference of the Tenth Circuit hereby commemorates the life and service of Judge Doyle. I move the conference to adopt this resolution and to direct that it be transmitted to the family of Judge Doyle and entered in the records of the Court of Appeals of the Tenth Circuit.

It is so ordered at the Judicial Conference at San Diego, California, July 30, 1987.

\* Judge Doyle's principal opinions in this case are reported at 313 F.Supp. 61 and 90 (D.C.Colo.1970), and 380 F.Supp. 673 (D.Colo.1974).

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