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## AN APPRECIATION OF ROBERT G. DIXON, JR.

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I did not have the privilege of knowing Bob Dixon personally until I "ascended" the bench in early 1972. I had, to be sure, known of him as one of the leading legal scholars in the constitutional area of the "one person, one vote" doctrine enunciated in the case of *Baker v. Carr*,<sup>1</sup> before that time. I was a member of the Court when he successfully argued the Connecticut redistricting case of *Gaffney v. Cummings*.<sup>2</sup>

Our mutual interest in administrative law, his appointment to the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel which I had once held, and our common membership in the Phi Delta Phi Research Advisory Board eventually drew us together as friends, rather than merely as members of a common profession. Bob was one of those individuals who was always a scholar, but who never let himself be imprisoned in the mythical "ivory tower" which scholars are presumed to occupy. He was an able lawyer, an able public servant, and an able member of the academic side of the legal profession. His untimely death is not only a personal loss to those of us who knew him, but also to the Washington University School of Law and to the profession at large.

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1. 369 U.S. 186 (1962).

2. 412 U.S. 735 (1973).