## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

## JOSEPH F. EICHHORN

We meet once again to say good-bye to a good friend and neighbor. The curtain fell on the final Act of Joseph F. Eichhorn on January 27, 1981. His life was one of long service to the nation, his state and particularly to his community in Wells County.

Joe Eichhorn graduated from Indiana University and themattended the Law School of the University of Michigan which awarded him the degree of L.L.B.

Joe's next chapter consisted of his entry into the practice of law, which was shortly interrupted by military service in World War II, particularly in the Eastern Theater.

Like so many of us, among his contemporaries, he returned to his chosen field, the law. He also returned to politics about the same time. He was the Wells County Democratic Chairman for many years and ran for and was elected Prosecutor. He served as Prosecuting Attorney from 1948 to 1962. He left the Prosecutor's office to become Assistant U. S. Attorney and served in that capacity until appointed Circuit Court Judge in 1968. He was subsequently re-elected to that office on two occasions.

Those who knew him all realize that the account so far is superficial. What really counts is the true man behind the outstanding record. They know that he was a gentle man who was truly a gentleman - devoted to his family, consisting of his wife Katie and three daughters. He loved to have classical music in his home. He had a reputation as quite a linguist, though the author

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has no personal knowledge of this ability.

As a legal scholar, he followed a family tradition, as his father Henry served, with distinction, during two separate periods, as Judge of the same Wells Circuit Court. As a Judge, Joseph Eichhorn was knowledgeable and courteous to lawyers and litigants alike, and was diligent in the affairs of the court.

We, as his neighbors, will miss him greatly. His counsel was valued, particularly in the affairs of the Judges' Association.

We extend our sympathy to his widow and children. We understand their great loss, and to some extent share in it.

Mr. President, I move that this resolution be adopted as a tribute to the memory of Judge Joseph F. Eichhorn, and that it be spread of record in this County, and a copy sent to the family and the Wells County Bar Association.

Respectfully submitted
The Allen County Bar Association
Memorial Resolution Committee

Robert E. Meyers, Chairman