

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
THE HONORABLE HAROLD E. KORN

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Mr. President, Members of the Allen County Bar Association,
and my friends all.

This morning there is a hush in our hearts as we come together to pay our respects to the memory of the Honorable Harold E. Korn, who so recently was well and happy, but has now passed into the Great Beyond. The incident of death is not more mysterious than the incident of birth, and not more uncommon. We were born to die and we die that we may live. There isn't anything unusual about death; from the very beginning of time people have seen their loved ones pass from the scene of this early existence, and have themselves, one by one, gone by the way of all flesh. Rather it is the suddenness with which the catastrophe came to the Members of the Allen County Bar Association on the death of Harold E. Korn, and which has utterly crushed and shocked us, as it caught us completely unprepared.

In the midst of our grief we ask ourselves "Why did this happen to the Members of the Allen County Bar Association", if God is good and he loves each and every one of us, why did this have to happen to us.

This morning we pay our respects to the memory of that great Jurist, the Honorable Harold E. Korn, who at the age of fifty-eight and the presiding Judge of the Allen Superior Court No. 3, was removed to the House of Mansions, as said by Our Lord

"In my Father's House there are many mansions, if this were not true I would have told you so".

Judge Korn was dead on arrival at the Parkview Memorial Hospital at 10:30 A.M. on the 17th day of December, 1969.

A true Republican in every sense of the word, he was elected Judge of the Allen Superior Court No. 2 and served in that office with integrity, dignity and loyalty from 1953 thru 1964. The people of this great community once again saw fit to elect him Judge of the Allen Superior Court No. 3 in the election of November, 1968. He assumed his oath of office and in loyalty to that court on the 17th day of December, 1968, and proudly acquired jurisdiction over all matters on the 2nd day of January, 1969. He served that court, as he had previously the Allen Superior Court No. 2, with a great legal mind and with the extrasensory perspective that was associated with the wisdom of Solomon, the experience of Methuselah, and his wide background of general and legal ability.

Judge Korn was a member of the law firm of Korn, Wyss, McGain and Mochamer from the years 1965 to 1968.

In 1961 and '62 he served as the able and well-regarded President of the Indiana State Judges Association, an organization that also deeply mourns the passing of Judge Korn.

He was a member of the Indiana State Legislature from 1939 thru 1951, and during this period of time served as Chairman on many very important committees, including being one of two House members on the twenty-six member Committee concerning the Indiana Economic Council.

Judge Korn received his early education from North Side High School in this city and then matriculated at Indiana University, subsequently attending and graduating from the Indiana University Law School at Bloomington in 1935.

Judge Korn served as Deputy Allen County Prosecutor from 1936 thru 1939, and continued in the practice of law until he was first elected Judge of the Allen Superior Court No. 2.

He is past President of our Bar Association, having served untiringly in 1952 and 1953. His accomplishments were many and members of the Bar Association of Allen County respected his wisdom, integrity and ability to lead our Association thru many trying times.

Governor George M. Craig in September of 1956 appointed him to be a member of the permanent Probate Study Commission, which was established by the Indiana State Legislature in 1955. Governor Craig bestowed the accolade of distinction upon Judge Korn as the only Judge to serve on this Commission with ten other persons that were engaged in various occupations in their walk of life.

In 1954 Judge Korn was chosen as the Fourth District Director for the Indiana Judges Association.

Judge Korn was a member of this Allen County Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association and the American Bar Association; a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, Fort Wayne Lodge No. 155; Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Press Club of Fort Wayne, Friars Club, Y.M.C.A., the Summit City Lodge No. 170, F. & A.M., Scottish Rite, York Rite and the Mizpah Temple.

A man of many talents, his interests were varied, he had a tremendous amount of patience while sitting in the boat fishing along a river bank, and enjoyed talking of this sport with other fishermen. He enjoyed jokes and innocent pranks, perhaps those played upon him received his heartiest laughter. He deeply loved his family and in turn was loved by them. He was survived by his wife Ruth Ann, a son Michael, two daughters, Cherie and Mrs. Robert Muhn; four stepsons, Brother Theodore, OFM, Cincinnati, Ohio; David Ruch, Toledo, Ohio; Bruce and Lynn Ruch, living at home; a brother Ralph A. Korn, Yakima, Washington; and a sister, Mrs. Robert Hosler, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Allen County Bar Association shall sadly miss him, his friendship and his counsel. We, the members of the Allen County Bar Association, are proud to remember him as a man and a citizen of great stature, that this was his - the noblest of all professions.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of sorrow of its members upon the death of the Honorable Harold E. Korn; and

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the courts of the County of Allen, State of Indiana, to evidence the respect and affection of the members of the Association for its departed brother.

WITNESS Our Hands and Seal this 19th day of December, 1969

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Judge Jesse E. Eschbach
Judge Frank J. Celarek
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Respectfully submitted
THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION by



Judge Frank J. Celarek