

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
JESSE ERNEST ESCHBACH**

We are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, Judge Jesse Ernest Eschbach, who passed away on October 25, 2005, one day shy of his 85th birthday.

Born in Warsaw, Indiana on October 26, 1920, Jesse Eschbach was raised in Warsaw where he was educated in the public schools. Prior to his graduation from high school, he worked part-time jobs at Mumaw's Newsstand and Jet White Grocery. Jesse earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University in 1943. Following graduation, he served in the United States Navy during World War II from 1943 to 1946, achieving the rank of lieutenant and discharging a portion of his duties aboard a mine sweeper in the South Pacific. Following his service in the Navy, he entered law school at Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington, receiving his J.D. in 1949. Jesse graduated with distinction and as a member of the Order of the Coif. He was the recipient of the Week Award and the Hastings Scholarship. He also served on the editorial board of the Indiana Law Journal. He was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Indiana in September 1949.

Shortly after entering law school, Jesse married Sara Ann Walker in 1947. After returning to Warsaw following his graduation from law school, Jesse and Sally's son, Jesse, was born in 1950. In 1953, Jesse and Sally's daughter, Virginia, was born. Jesse's wife and children survive him along with two grandchildren, Lauren and Ellen.

Jesse began his professional career in Warsaw with the law firm of Graham & Eschbach, which eventually became Graham, Rasor, Eschbach & Harris. He practiced law with those firms from 1949 to 1962. During those years, he also served as Warsaw City Attorney, Kosciusko County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and General Counsel to Dalton Foundries, Inc. He exhibited his leadership skills by serving as president of the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce, president of the Rotary, and a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church. In 1961, Jesse was named Man of the Year by the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce and the Warsaw Times-Union.

On March 12, 1962, at the age of 41, Jesse Eschbach was nominated by President John F. Kennedy to serve as a federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. After confirmation by the United States Senate on April 2, 1962, Judge Eschbach took his seat as a U.S. District Court Judge in the Fort Wayne division. In October 1974, Judge Eschbach became chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of

Indiana when that position was relinquished by U.S. District Court Judge George N. Beamer. On October 20, 1981, President Ronald Reagan nominated Judge Eschbach to serve on the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. President Reagan personally called Judge Eschbach from the Oval Office to request that he serve on the Court of Appeals. Judge Eschbach later expressed his gratitude to President Reagan and wrote a letter to him, in which he stated his "deep appreciation for your kindness and consideration in calling me. It was an experience our family will never forget." The American Bar Association gave Judge Eschbach its highest rating in recommending his nomination to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Judge Eschbach was confirmed by the United States Senate on November 24, 1981. On October 1, 2000, Judge Eschbach announced his retirement after serving 38 years on the federal bench.

His family, friends and colleagues will remember Judge Jesse Eschbach as an exceptionally conscientious and well-prepared man. He was unfailingly courteous and earned the reputation of being one of the outstanding federal judges of his time. Judge Eschbach will be fondly remembered for his integrity, high ethical standards, intelligence, and his sense of responsibility and humanity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life and death of Judge Jesse Ernest Eschbach; and

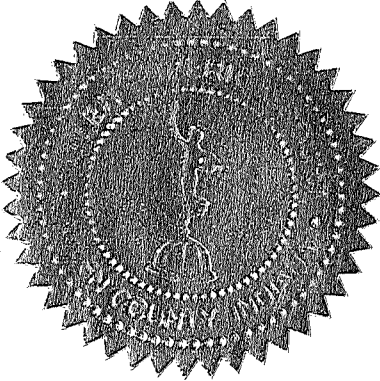
BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that this Resolution be unanimously adopted by those present at this assembly upon this occasion; and


BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Office of the Allen County Bar Association to the members of the Eschbach family; and

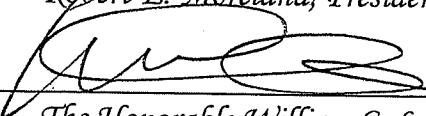
BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the federal and state courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, Judge Jesse Ernest Eschbach.

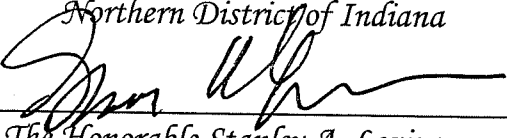
Dated this 8th day of December, 2005.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION



By: 
Robert E. Moreland, President

By: 
The Honorable William C. Lee
Senior Judge, U.S. District Court,
Northern District of Indiana

By: 
The Honorable Stanley A. Levine
Judge, Allen Superior Court