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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE  
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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ROBERT L. KAAG

The members of the Allen County Bar Association assemble on this day to pay tribute to one of its distinguished member, Robert L. Kaag died unexpectedly on the 10th day of March, 1973 after a short and honorable career as a member of this Bar Association and in service to our community.

There is no question in the minds of the members of the Allen County Bar Association that Robert L. Kaag expired in an honorable fashion, still active in the legal profession, which he enjoyed each day during his practice of law.

The members of this Committee speak with pride in uttering the name of Robert L. Kaag, and we know that he was honorable, intelligent, competent, efficient and a zealous practicing lawyer.

Robert L. Kaag was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on July 18, 1920, the only son and child of a pioneer family in Fort Wayne; his parents being Fred G. Kaag and Mary L. Kaag. Robert graduated from Fort Wayne Central Public High School in 1938; thereafter he received his A.B. degree from Kenyon College in 1942; from there he matriculated at Indiana University School of Law and received his L.L.B. degree in 1949.

Robert L. Kaag began the practice of law in Fort Wayne, Indiana in the early months of 1950, having been admitted to the practice of law in the State of Indiana on December 14, 1949.

Robert first became associated in the practice of law with Paul Congdon, with offices in the Peoples Trust Bank Building; from there the firm of Congdon & Kaag moved to the Utility Building.

Robert gave unselfishly of his time to many civic endeavors; he was a member and the Board Secretary of the Fort Wayne Arts Foundation; past President of the Fort Wayne Art Insitute and the Civic Theater; and was a Board Member of the Fort Wayne Ballet. He served the Fort Wayne community very well, in that he participated in many civic functions; he was a past President of the Fort Wayne Nightly Club. He was currently serving as the Chairman of the House Committee of the Fort Wayne Fine Arts Building. He was a member of the U. S. Insitute for Theatrical Technology, a member of the Association of British Theater Technicians; a member of the Allen County Bar Association, State of Indiana Bar Association, American Bar Association, the Summit Club, the Allen County - Fort Wayne Historical Society, Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce and Fort Wayne Board of Realtors.

Mr. Kaag was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Sol D. Bayless Lodge 359, Free and Accepted Masonry, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine Temple, York Rite, and the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity.

Robert Kaag served his country from 1942 to 1945 in the Counter Intelligence Division of the U. S. Army; his country summoned him to serve again in the years 1951 and '52.

Robert L. Kaag is survived by his wife Gwen and his son Matthias. He was a dedicated lawyer, devoted husband and

unselfish father. His love for his wife and son was paramount in his mind, and in turn he was loved by his wife and son; and as he has stated on numerous occasions this was the real reward in living.

As a fellow lawyer Robert L. Kaag was considerate of his fellow practitioners, he had a clever and dry wit in his expression of humorous legal matters. Bob was always pleasant to the people with whom he was associated. He was realistic in his approach to life and to people with whom he was surrounded.

Robert L. Kaag will be missed by his widow and son; the Allen County Bar Association will miss him and we can well learn the lesson from a man who never let bitterness gain a foothold in his life. He will be missed and mourned by all who knew him. We are proud to remember him as a man and citizen of great stature in that his was the noblest of all professions.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of sorrow of its member upon the death of Robert L. Kaag; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his widow, Gwen Kaag, and to his son, Matthias Kaag; 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 member.

WITNESS Our Hands and Seal this 14th day of March, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION by

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Judge Frank J. Celarek, Chairman

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