

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

CLARENCE R. MC NABB

Mr. President, members of the Allen County Bar Association, my friends all:

This morning the Allen County Bar Association assembles to pay tribute to one of its most distinguished members, Judge Clarence R. McNabb, who died on the 28th day of December, 1973, after a long and honorable career as a member of this Bar and in service to our community.

The places that have known him shall know him no more, but his virtues are written on the tablets of love and memory.

This morning there is a hush in our hearts as we assemble here today to pay our respects to the memory of the Honorable Clarence R. McNabb who so recently was well and happy but has now passed into the great beyond. The incident of death is no 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 existence and have themselves, one by one, come by the way of all flesh. It is the suddenness with which the catastrophe came to the members of the Allen County Bar Association on the death of Judge Clarence R. McNabb, and which has utterly crushed and shocked us as it caught us completely unprepared.

Judge McNabb had a long and distinguished career in the

legal profession as well as service to the community and of the State of Indiana.

Judge McNabb was born in Lawrence County, Indiana and graduated from Bedford High School in the year 1911. He then entered Indiana University and obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in the year 1914. Subsequently he served as Principal of the Fayetteville High School in 1915 and 1916 and Tunnelton High School in 1916-17.

Judge McNabb was accepted as a candidate in the First Officers Training School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, Indiana in May 1917. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant of Infantry on August 15, 1917. Later he was ordered to Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., and was assigned to command a company in the 159th Depot Brigade. Due to the outstanding ability of Judge McNabb, he was appointed assistant camp adjutant of Camp Taylor, and remained at this assignment until he was discharged as Captain of Infantry in April of 1919.

Upon Judge McNabb's return to civilian life, he came to Bloomington, Indiana and matriculated at Indiana University Law School from which he graduated in 1919 with an LLB Degree. Judge McNabb established a law office in Fort Wayne, Indiana in July, 1919, and was associated with the late Creighton H. Williams who was City Attorney of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Judge McNabb remained in active practice of law until January 1, 1931.

Judge McNabb served two terms as the Allen County Democratic Chairman before resigning in 1930 when he was elected Judge of The Allen Circuit Court. Judge McNabb did not

seek re-election and resumed an active practice of law in January, 1937, in association with his good friend and companion, Sol Rothberg.

Judge McNabb continued in the general practice of law where he maintained offices in the Lincoln National Bank Tower Building, Fort Wayne National Bank Building and the Indiana Bank Building where he was associated with the firm of Rothberg, Gallmeyer, Fruechtenicht & Logan.

Judge McNabb served the Democratic Party with great delight and success as he was selected Secretary of the Allen County Democratic Central Committee and Fourth District Committee in the year 1920. To the credit of Judge McNabb, as a result of his perseverance, integrity and efficiency, he was responsible for electing the entire County ticket Democrat candidates in November, 1926.

Judge McNabb served as the Allen County Attorney from January 1, 1928 to December 31, 1930. Judge McNabb patterned his Judicial temperament and operation as Judge of the Allen Juvenile Court after the late Judge Lindsay of the Ninth Denver Juvenile Court and Judge Julius Hoffman, at that time one of America's foremost juvenile jurists at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Judge McNabb was nominated as the Democratic candidate for the Supreme Court of Indiana in 1960 but was not elected in the November campaign of that year.

Judge McNabb served as President of the Allen County Bar Association and on the Board of Managers of the Indiana Bar Association, and in 1940 was appointed as a member of the Indiana Board of Bar Examiners, at which position he served for five years.

Judge McNabb was president of the Indiana War Memorials Commission, in which position he was instrumental in forming many policies for the Commission that have been followed by his successors. Judge McNabb received a citation by the Indiana Department of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Allen County Council of Veteran Organizations.

Judge McNabb was appointed as a member of the Board of Appeals of the Selective Service for the Fourth Congressional District in 1940, and served as Board president during the period of World War II.

Judge Clarence R. McNabb was a ruling elder of the First Presbyterian Church, having served in that capacity for over 50 years, and was an active member of the Session of the church for over 35 years. He was the leader in the church's Men's Bible Class for 35 years. Judge McNabb was active in organization of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and was the president in the year 1952.

He was a Director of the Fort Wayne YMCA and a Trustee of the YWCA. In 1920 and 21, he was president of the Allen County Alumni Club of Indiana University and served on the University's Executive Committee, as well as being a member of the Indiana Varsity Club.

In 1962 he was appointed by Mayor Paul Burns as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Wayne Community Schools and fulfilled his duties as a trustee with great appreciation and success.

Judge McNabb was a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mizpah Shrine Temple and the Royal Order of Jesters.

He was a member of the Allen County Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

The Allen County Bar Association shall 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 was his in the noblest of all professions.

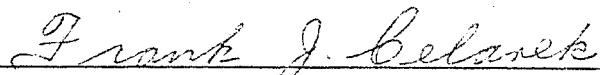
BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association give in public expression of sorrow of its members upon the death of the Honorable Clarence R. McNabb; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 member.

WITNESS Our Hands and Seal this 4th day of January, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,
THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION by



Judge Frank J. Celarek

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