Allen County Bar Association

Memorial Resolution for J. Timothy McCaulay

WHEREAS, we meet today to honor J. Timothy McCaulay who had a prominent and successful legal career. Tim withdrew from our world much too early at the age 66 on February 5, 2016.

WHEREAS, Tim is survived by his wife, Sharon; mother, Beth Ann McCaulay; son, Phil McCaulay; stepsons, Mike and Mark Milholland; grandchildren, Madeline McCaulay and Emily and Thomas Milholland; six siblings; and eight nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, John McCaulay, and his first wife, Janet.

WHEREAS, Tim was raised in Columbus, Indiana. He received his undergraduate degree from Davidson College in 1971. He received his law degree, cum laude, from Indiana University – Bloomington, in 1975. He was a member of the Board of Editors of the IV Law Journal.

WHEREAS, after finishing law school and being admitted to the Indiana Bar, Tim demonstrated his dedication to public service early on by working as a Legal Analyst in Indianapolis for Governor Otis Bowen's Commission on Privacy. Marriage led Tim to move north where he joined the firm of Helmke, Beams, Boyer and Wagner. Tim later became a partner at this firm and worked there from 1977-2003.

WHEREAS, while maintaining a private law practice for nearly all of his career, Tim served at a diverse group of public sector entities from 1981 until his death. During his career he served as Attorney for the Fort Wayne-Allen County Board of Health from 1981-1987; Corporate Counsel for the City of Fort Wayne from 1988-2000; General Counsel for East Allen County Schools from 2002-2009. At the time of his death, he was serving as Attorney for the Fort Wayne Community Schools Board of Trustees as well as serving an Allen County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

WHEREAS, Tim's public service also involved volunteer leadership positions with numerous boards and commissions including the Benjamin Harrison Inns of Court (where he was a Master Member Emeritus and Past President), Indiana Municipal Lawyers Association (Past President), Fort Wayne Public Transportation Corporation, American Cancer Society, Headwaters Park Commission, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Fort Wayne Youth Theatre, Southwood Park Community Association, and Foster Park Little League. In addition, Tim was an active member of Trinity English Lutheran Church where he was a member of the Church Foundation Board. He served two terms on the Church Council and was an usher for 38 years.

WHEREAS, after beginning his early activism in politics as a supporter of Congressman Lee Hamilton, a Democrat, in Fort Wayne, Tim became active in Young Republicans. He served as a Republican precinct committeeperson. He joked that his neighborhood was so reliably Republican that he would just make up canvasing numbers to turn into Chairman Orvas Beers. He would receive plaudits for turning out large vote margins with very little, if any, effort. He was directly involved in all of Paul Helmke's political races.

WHEREAS, because of Tim's extraordinary work in public service, he was awarded the coveted Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Mike Pence earlier this year. (Pence was a friend of Tim's younger brothers and Tim would often tell stories about Pence's younger days in Columbus). In 1984, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Fort Wayne Jaycees for his service to the community.

WHEREAS, Tim may have had a quiet and mild-mannered exterior, but he was also a bright and creative thinker with a strong competitive streak. Whether playing couples' bridge with friends, Member-Member golf tournaments at the Fort Wayne Country Club, or in the annual Huyck Lake croquet competitions (that he oversaw at the cottage he and his wife Sharon owned in Michigan), Tim played to win – and was very successful in his efforts.

WHEREAS, Tim approached legal challenges the same way. He saw a campaign sign violation charge in the first Paul Helmke mayoral race as a chance to argue the First Amendment and help bring favorable publicity to the race; he developed the annexation strategies and court defenses of those strategies that helped Fort Wayne's population grow from 175,000 in 1988 to 260,000 today; and he used Indiana's corrupt business influence statutes and other laws to make Allen County one of the leaders in prosecuting white-collar and other financial crimes, going after theft rings, credit card schemers, mortgage fraudsters, and many others.

WHEREAS, a sign of respect for Tim's legal talents was how he was able to turn those with whom he would negotiate and spar with on behalf of the Helmke Administration, such as the Fort Wayne Professional Fire Fighters Union, and Council members like Mark GiaQuinta, into clients and friends after leaving city government.

WHEREAS, he will be missed by many in the local bar and in this community.

WHEREAS, Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Allen County Bar Association hereby remembers and celebrates the life and service of J. Timothy McCaulay; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be spread of record in the courts of Allen County and transmitted by the Allen County Bar Association to the members of J. Timothy McCaulay's family.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2016, at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: ____

Bart Arnold, Presid

Bv:

The Honorable Craig J. Bobay Judge, Allen Superior Court

Resolution prepared and presented by Paul Helmke