

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
OF THE
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
JOHN R. WILKS

We are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, John R. Wilks, who passed away on March 27, 2001.

A native of Fort Wayne, John Wilks is a graduate of South Side High School. He received his B.A. in English from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1965 and his J.D. from the Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, in 1968.

John Wilks was admitted to the Indiana bar in 1968, and was admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court and Tax Court.

John Wilks was appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney at Fort Wayne in 1970, following two years as an associate with the firm of Hunt, Suedoff, Borrer and Eilbacher. While working with the law firm he also served as deputy prosecuting attorney for Allen County. In March 1973, President Richard Nixon nominated John Wilks to the position of U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana. John was only 29 years old, but had clearly distinguished himself as a superb advocate and trial lawyer. He served in that post from 1973 until 1976.

The following thirty years John Wilks was in private practice, the majority of that time with Frank Kimbrough. Most recently he taught English and writing at the University of Saint Francis and the Indiana Institute of Technology. He was the Executive Director of the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States for the past year.

John Wilks is survived by his wife, Jane, two sons and one daughter; also an admiring gallery of colleagues and friends. He will be remembered for his achievements in the practice of law, no doubt, but more so for his wit, humanity and many contributions to the community. John Wilks was past president, vice

president and secretary of the Fort Wayne Zoological Society, past president of the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society, past president of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Northern Indiana Chapter, and past vice president of the Fox Island Alliance.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life and death of John R. Wilks; 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 Wilks Family; and

Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent of the records of the Courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, John R. Wilks.

Dated this 15th Day of May, 2001.

ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: 
Yvette Kleven, President

By: 
The Honorable Stanley A. Levine
Allen Superior Court