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IN MEMORIAM

OTTO E. GRANT, JR.

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The members of the Allen County Bar Association assemble to pay tribute to one of its most distinguished members, Otto E. Grant, Jr., who died unexpectedly on the 21st day of January, 1969, after a long and honorable career as a member of this Bar and in service to our community.

There is no question in the minds of the lawyers of the Allen County Bar Association that Otto E. Grant expired in an honorable fashion doing the one thing that he enjoyed -- his opening statement to a jury, which proved to be his final and closing statement.

The members of this Committee speak with pride in uttering the name of Otto E. Grant, and know that he was honorable, intelligent, competent, efficient, and a zealous practicing lawyer. There is no greater glory to come to Otto E. Grant, Jr. than to revere his memory as a great trial lawyer and a person very casually slumping to the defense table after making his opening statement to the jury during a trial in the Whitley County Circuit Court.

Otto E. Grant, Jr. was born in Albion, Indiana, graduated from South Side High School in the year 1932, and thereafter graduated from the Indiana University School of Law in 1937. While attending Indiana University he was a member of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, the Order of Coif, an honorary legal fraternity, and Phi Delta Gamma, social fraternity.

Otto Grant began the practice of law in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1937 with his father, Otto E. Grant, Sr., and thereafter in 1942 joined the law firm of Barrett, Barrett & McNagny, and due to his

untiring efforts, his outstanding ability as a lawyer, he became a member of that firm six years later.

Otto Grant was a member of the First-Wayne Street United Methodist Church, the Allen County Bar and Indiana Bar Associations; Home Lodge F & AM, the Caldron Club, Chamber of Commerce, and the American Bar Association; a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; the Indiana University School Board of Visitors, and Section of Insurance Management and Compensation Law Section of the American Bar Association. In addition to being admitted to practice law in the State of Indiana he was also admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Northern and Southern Divisions, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; two daughters, Mrs. James (Marsha) French of Seattle, Washington, and Miss Sylvia Grant, New York City; two sons, Robert Eugene and David Martz, Fort Wayne; a sister, Mrs. Winslow (Mary) Van Horne of Auburn; and his mother, Mrs. Otto E. Grant, Sr. of Fort Wayne.

Otto E. Grant was a dedicated lawyer, devoted husband and unselfish and loving father. His love for his wife and family was paramount in his mind. In spite of his adversities in later life, his thought was the responsibility he owed to his wife, his family and to his clients. He was loved by his wife and children and, as he stated on many occasions, this was the real reward in living. As a fellow lawyer he was always considerate of his fellow practitioners, and many times would help a young lawyer in various and numerous ways. His personality was delightful and he was polite, which all of us can well testify.

The Allen County Bar Association will miss Otto E. Grant and we can well gain the lesson from the 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, and that his was the noblest of all professions.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of sorrow of its members upon the death of Otto E. Grant, Jr.; 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 brothers.

WITNESS Our Hands and Seal this 23rd day of January, 1969

Respectfully submitted

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