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RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF

E. W. FARRISH

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Once again, we, the members of the Allen County, Indiana Bar Association are assembled in Memorial Services. This occasion is the death of our brother lawyer, E. W. (Pat) Farrish.

Pat Farrish spent the years of his childhood and youth in Adams County, Indiana where he attended the Decatur Grade School and High School. He then enrolled in and was graduated from Indianapolis Law School where he received his L.L.D. Degree in 1905, and thereupon was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Indiana.

He moved his law practice to Allen County, Indiana in the year 1919. His professional affiliations were in the firm formed with the late Judge David Smith under the firm name of Smith & Farrish. After Judge Smith's death, Pat Farrish practiced with the late Guy Colarick and Sam Jackson and then, still later practiced with his sons, the late Captain David Farrish and Robert J. Farrish, now a practicing lawyer at the Bar of Allen County, Indiana. In the year 1954 he became associated in the firm of Jackson & Farrish where he maintained his offices and practice until the year 1960 when he retired from the active practice of law.

He was a member of the Allen County, Indiana, and the Indiana Bar Associations.

His services in governmental offices consisted of being a member of the Indiana General Assembly from 1906 to 1910. He was Adams County Prosecuting Attorney from 1914 to 1918. Coming to Allen County he became Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of Allen County from 1924 to 1933 and was County Attorney from 1935 to 1936. He honored the Allen County Bar Association by presiding as Judge of Allen Superior Court District 2 during the years 1941 and 1943.

Pat was kind to Allen County and particularly to the lawyers in Allen County who came to know Pat Parrish very well. It has been truly said that if you want to know a man well just observe him first hand in the exercise of the work of his livelihood.

Pat Parrish was an able trial lawyer. Not only did he possess an inherent legal instinct in knowing what the law was but also how it should be applied in his trial practice.

In every sense he was a true lawyer and an exemplar of the Canons of Ethics of our profession. As a lawyer he gave "entire devotion to the interest of the client, warm zeal in the maintenance and defense of his rights and the exertion of his utmost learning and ability" to the end that nothing be taken or withheld from his client and that the rights of his client be upheld by the rules of law legally applied. No fear of judicial disfavor or public unpopularity restrained him from the full discharge of his duty.

He truly bore in mind and steadfastly practiced that the great trust of the lawyer is to be performed within the bounds of the law and that the office of the attorney demands the utmost for the protection of his client. He possessed a high sense of conscience and dedication to preserve the greatest freedom for all individuals he represented. He practiced law for 55 years and in those 55 years his work as a lawyer brought him in contact with almost every facet of the law.

Being an able orator, he was frequently called upon by his political party to address groups. He possessed a distinctly uncommon vital spark of leadership.

He was a loyal church member.

During the course of his life he married Ethel Bartley and to that marriage were born two sons, David and Robert, both of whom practiced law in this community. David died

in the service of his country in World War II. Robert is an able son of his father in the practice of the law.

When a man dies, all he can really leave behind that is worthwhile is his record. If his record is good he has served his family, his State and his Nation well. Ben Parrish left a monument for himself in the record of the history of his life. He has made a great contribution to his family, to the Community, to the State and to the Nation. He was truly a great lawyer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Allen County, Indiana Bar Association notes with great regret the passing of one of its ablest and most beloved brother lawyers and extends to his bereaved family its sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be spread of record in all of the Courts of Allen County, Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

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