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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

## RICHARD F. BAIRD

Mr. President, members of the Allen County Bar Association and friends.

We meet again in that atmosphere of sorrow and nostalgia which characterizes occasions of this type. We mourn the passing of Richard F. Baird, Jr., who died on February 21, 1979. He was sixty-five years of age.

Dick Baird was born in Elk City, Oklahoma, on October 27, 1913, but resided all of his adult life in Fort Wayne. His father, Richard F. Baird, was Vice-President and first general counsel of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, and his mother was Kate E. Baird.

Dick attended North Side High School here in Fort Wayne, and went on to obtain his Bachelor of Arts degree from DePauw University in 1934 where he was active in the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Dick graduated from Northwestern University School of Law in 1937 and in that same year joined the firm of Vesey and Schoaff. In 1945 the name of the firm was changed to Shoaff, Keegan and Baird.

He was an active member of the First Presbyterian

Church for many years, and also was a member of the Cauldron

Club and the Fort Wayne Country Club. He was a director of

the Y.M.C.A. and of the Public Health Nursing Service, and

was a member of the local, state and national bar associations.

Dick was gentle, kind and courteous. He practiced law

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in this community for over forty years, and became an acknowledged authority in the field of titles and related abstract
problems. In these troublesome areas, he shared his expertise
generously, not only with his clients but with his colleagues
as well. His counsel will be sorely missed.

Dick leaves surviving his widow, Ann, and a daughter,
Nancy. We share their sorrow; but we also share with them
today, and in the days to come, fond memories of a true gentleman and professional.

Mr. President, I move that the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of the sorrow of its members on the death of Richard F. Baird, Jr.;

That the adoption of this Resolution be made a matter of record in the order books of the Courts of Allen County;

That a copy of this Resolution be sent to his widow and his daughter.

WITNESS our hand and seal this 26th day of February, 1979.

Respectfully submitted, The Allen County Bar Association Memorial Resolution Committee

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Judge Robert E. Meyers

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