

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE  
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

NOBLE F. SCHLATTER

Mr. President, members of the Allen County Bar Association,  
my friends all:

We gather today in mourning, but also in gratitude. We  
mourn Noble F. Schlatter's death, but we are grateful for his  
life. We gather also conscious of the fact that in paying tri-  
bute to Noble F. Schlatter, we celebrate greatness. When we  
think of his place in our community, we think inevitably of those  
many great accomplishments that he achieved during life. And we  
think of the qualities of greatness and what his were that made  
his unique above all.

Noble F. Schlatter was born on February 15, 1917 in the City  
of Fort Wayne, and his untimely death came on February 6, 1974.

Noble Schlatter was a graduate of North Side High School,  
and in years to come did receive his law degree from Indiana Uni-  
versity Law School in the year 1940.

As a civilian, Noble Schlatter was the assistant U. S. Attor-  
ney for the Northern Indiana District in the years 1949 through 1952  
with offices located at the Federal Building in Fort Wayne, Indiana.  
He became the U. S. Commissioner for the Northern Indiana District  
in 1960, but resigned his commission the following year when he was  
elected a member of the Allen County Council.

Major General Noble F. Schlatter had a long military career  
beginning in the year 1937 when he enlisted in the 152nd Infantry,  
Indiana National Guard. He entered the active duty in January of  
1941 as a second lieutenant when World War II threatened. During  
this war-period, he received the Bronze Star Medal and the Oak Leaf  
Cluster for combat duty in the Pacific.

Noble F. Schlatter was promoted to the rank of colonel in 1950 when he was assigned as assistant division commander of Indiana's famed 38th in November of that year. He was appointed assistant State adjutant general in 1961 and elevated to brigadier general status. After various other Army executive assignments, he took over command of the 38th Division in 1964 when he was made a major general. During this assignment when he was commanding general of the 38th Infantry Division, this unit was regarded as one of the best trained units in the nation.

Major General Noble F. Schlatter co-authored amendments to War Memorial Acts of Indiana which permitted the bonding and construction of the Allen County Memorial Coliseum.

He was a former City Democratic chairman and served as a political convention delegate. In recent years he was associated with George A. Poag & Associates as vice-president and previously was a member of the law firm of Leas, Schlatter & Hines.

We can best recall special qualities of Noble F. Schlatter, as a man, which we believe were basic to his ability to gain prominence as a leader in the United States Army Reserve Command. One of these was his ability to inspire others to have confidence in him and to respect him as a man of integrity and a true disciple of peace. Both in his own time and in future times for the people of this community.

Another very great quality of his, his inner strength, made it possible for him to marshal his inner resources to meet the demands upon his thoughts and his physical self so often heavily placed upon him.

Noble F. Schlatter will be long remembered by members of the

Allen County Bar Association, by the people in this community, and by all those who served under him in the United States Army Reserve and the Indiana National Guard.

Major General Noble F. Schlatter was a member of the American Legion Post 47 and Jim Eby Post 857, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and held offices in the National Guard Association of Indiana and the United States. He was a member of the Indiana State Armory Board during the years 1949 through 1952. He was a vestryman of the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Among some of the other offices that he held, Noble Schlatter had been a Fifth Army Area Caucus chairman, was a past director of the Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Co-operative Club, a past president of the Friars Club, and a member of the One Hundred Per Cent Club. He was also a past president of the National Guard Association of Indiana, a member of the Reserve Officers Association, a former president of the Allen County Veterans Council, and member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Major General Noble F. Schlatter was a member of the Allen County Bar Association, State of Indiana and American Bar Association.

The Allen County Bar Association shall miss him, his friendship and his counsel. We, the members of the Allen County Bar Association are proud to remember him as a man and a citizen of great stature that was his in the noblest of all professions.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association give in public expression of sorrow of its members upon the death of Major General Noble F. Schlatter; 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 member.

WITNESS Our Hands and Seal this 11th day of February, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION by

  
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Judge Frank J. Celarek

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