

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Warren W. Wyneken

WHEREAS, we are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, Warren W. Wyneken, who passed away on March 18, 2012, at the age of 89.

WHEREAS, Warren was born on November 30, 1922, in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Hugo and Lina Wyneken. He graduated from South Side High School in 1940. He attended Valparaiso University School of Law and, after graduation, he practiced law in Fort Wayne and Woodburn, beginning in 1954, retiring in 1998. He was a member of the Allen County and Indiana State Bar Associations, the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, and a charter member of the Indiana Bar Foundation. He also served as associate city attorney and deputy prosecuting attorney, as well as participating in the field of Merit Selection of the Judiciary. He served on the Board of Visitors for his alma mater, Valparaiso University School of Law.

WHEREAS, Warren developed his general law practice in association with John Krueckeberg and, later, Beckman Lawson & Fruechtenicht until 1976 and, thereafter, maintained a solo practice in association with William Kern, Jerry O'Dowd, and Robert Connolly before retiring in 1998.

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional life, Warren was an extraordinary citizen and patriot. Warren began his military career in 1942, leaving college to serve in the tank corps. Chosen to go to officer training school, he earned the rank of Second Lieutenant and left for the South Pacific Theater. After some combat duty, his unit was assigned to occupation duty in Japan. His was the first military unit to enter Hiroshima after the bombing that had devastated the city and population. Warren remained in the Ready Reserve after demobilization and returned to Valparaiso University to finish his studies and graduate from the Law School in 1950. He was recalled to active duty in 1950 after passing the Indiana Bar and he served with the 24th and 27th Infantry Regiments during the Korean War, serving as commander of Company E, 27th Infantry. His decorations include two Purple Hearts earned in Korea. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1974. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

WHEREAS, in addition to his passion for the law and his Country, Warren was a dedicated family man who possessed and expressed a deep love for his family. After meeting his wife Patricia, but before their marriage in 1954, he told her that successful partnership was based on mutual respect and courtesy, as well as love and friendship. Warren taught their children respect, courtesy, and humor. All three children chose life partners of exceptional

intelligence and character. His children, Matthew, Brian, and Claire, each maintained a close and loving relationship with their parents. Warren was also very proud of his grandchildren, Caitlin, Henry, and Russell, and the choices they have made and the lives they have lived. Warren's loving compassion was a blessing in a marriage that lasted for 57 years.

WHEREAS, Warren had a passion for history, particularly regarding areas he diligently researched including our Republic's founding fathers, Constitutional law, United States foreign and economic policies, politics, German history, and rhetoric. His in-depth understanding and compassion were derived from a Christian influence during his childhood and continued as a source of his life-long values.

WHEREAS, Warren Wyneken's legal career was remarkable for the compassion and care he showed his clients, many of whom wrote him thanking him for his service and thoughtful advice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life of Warren W. Wyneken.

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 Wyneken family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the federal and state courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend and colleague, Warren W. Wyneken.

Dated this 24th day of August 2012.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: _____

Shannon K. Reed
Shannon K. Reed, President

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Stanley A. Levine
The Honorable Stanley A. Levine
Judge, Allen Superior Court

