

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE  
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

JAMES R. FLEMING

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

This morning the Allen County Bar Association shares with our community, our state, and the entire free world, a deep feeling of grief and loss in the death of James R. Fleming. In every sense a great and gallant leader in the community, this selfless person devoted his life to the common cause of humanity, to his country, and to his family. He was truly a great man among men. This Bar Association is proud to have known him and to have been associated with him in the active practice of law during his career.

James R. Fleming, President and Publisher of The Journal-Gazette, died at 3:55 a.m. on June 11, 1973. He was one of the oldest members of the Allen County Bar Association. Although past ninety-one years of age Mr. Fleming was active in many community projects for the betterment of Fort Wayne and the State of Indiana. He was probably most widely known for his interest in the newspaper industry and as Chairman of the Indiana Port Commission. He was named Chairman of the Indiana Port Authority by Governor Matthew E. Welsh in March of 1961 and was reappointed to the Commission in 1964 by Governor Roger D. Branigin. The citizens of Indiana owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Fleming for his efforts in establishing Indiana's only deep water port, which has become literally known as "Indiana's Gateway to the World."

Mr. Fleming was very much interested in the education and cultural development of young people. He served two terms on the Indiana Arts Commission, during which time he put into practice a long range program to involve the State's youth in the performing arts. In April of 1962 he was one of nine persons prominently mentioned in the educational, foundation and publication fields to be named by the late President John F. Kennedy to the United States Advisory Commission on International Education and Cultural Affairs. As a member of this Commission he made a detailed study of European cultural and educational life. Also during the Kennedy administration, Mr. Fleming was appointed a member of the President's Commission on Youth Employment and the U. S. Committee on Juvenile Delinquency. In 1964 Mr. Fleming was one of thirteen prominent citizens appointed by then Secretary of State Dean Rusk to the National Commission for UNESCO. In that capacity Mr. Fleming advised the Government and helped formulate programs for the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Mr. Fleming was born in Henry County on November 8, 1881, the son of George R. and Sarah Cummins Fleming. To his surviving daughters, Mrs. James Abromson of Portland, Indiana, and Miss Virginia Fleming, who resides in France, the Bar Association extends its deepest condolences.

Mr. Fleming received a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1904, and started his practice of law in the City of Portland, County of Jay, State of Indiana. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney in the year 1906 and held this position for

the next four years. During his active practice of the law, in 1933, he was appointed as the United States District Attorney for Northern Indiana, and served in that position until 1941. Prior to this time he served in the Indiana House of Representatives from 1913 to 1915 and in the Indiana State Senate from 1915 until 1919.

Mr. Fleming was a former director of the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, and served on the boards of the Fort Wayne Art School, the Civic Symphony Orchestra, Community Concert Association, the Fort Wayne Musical Society, the Civic Association and the Memorial Coliseum, and the Fort Wayne Stellar Concerts. He was very instrumental in the establishment of the Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum and served as its board chairman for several years.

Mr. Fleming was conferred the honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Tri-State College in Angola and Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. Once again, upon receiving his honorary degree at Taylor Mr. Fleming said: "America's youth are our greatest responsibility and I shudder to think of our future unless our most cherished human values are respected and carried forward from generation to generation." The youth of Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Jaycees honored Mr. Fleming in 1964 with a special plaque in recognition of his many years of service and active support of their projects.

James R. Fleming was a member of the American, Indiana and Allen County bar associations; a member of the Indiana and Fort Wayne-Allen County Historical Society, the American Newspaper Publishers Association, the Masons, the Elks Lodge, the National

Press Club in Washington, The Fort Wayne Press Club, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Indianapolis Athletic Club, Fort Wayne Country Club, Orchard Ridge Country Club, the YMCA and the Indiana Society of Chicago.

The Allen County Bar Association shall sadly miss one of our oldest members, Mr. Fleming. We are proud to remember him as a man and a citizen of great stature, and for his many accomplishments during life.

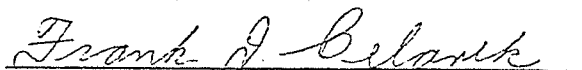
BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of sorrow of its members upon the death of James R. Fleming; and

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 brother.

WITNESS Our Hands and Seal this 14th day of June, 1973

Respectfully submitted  
THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION by

  
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Judge Frank J. Celarek

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