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WHEREAS, Judge Decker served as Circuit Judge of the Wells Circuit Court from 1930 until 1942 and many of our membership had the privilege of appearing in his court on change of venue actions. And during this period, Judge Decker likewise acted as Special Judge in a number of cases tried in the Allen County courts. As a result of these contacts we came to recognize in him a sound and thorough student of the law and a judge who was eminently fair and considerate of the rights of litigants appearing before him. His original schooling was at Valparaiso University and he was a graduate of Valparaiso University and from the law school of the University of Michigan in 1910 and from that time forward, continued as a practicing lawyer; and

WHEREAS, because of the opportunity and privilege which we had of practicing law either with him or before him as a Judge both in Wells County and in Allen County, we desire to attest to our sincere admiration of the many fine characteristics which he manifested in many ways through his long and fruitful career as a student of the law and a Judge; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this fact, the Allen County Bar Association desires to put upon the record this attestation of our high regard for Judge Decker.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread of record in the Allen Circuit Court of Allen County and the Wells Circuit Court and that a copy thereof be sent to his bereaved widow and son.

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