

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

THOMAS A. GALLMEYER

Mr. President, members of the Bar, friends.

"He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade." These words from the First Psalm express the ideas which come to mind when contemplating the all too short life of Thomas A. Gallmeyer. His activities have had and will continue to have a substantial influence on the history of our community. He early developed the energy and ambition to lead. He attained substantial goals.

After completing a tour of duty in World War II with the rank of Captain, he completed his formal education by graduating from Cornell University School of Law in 1949. He had received a degree in the Arts from Indiana University previously. Returning to Fort Wayne, he joined in creating the law firm of Rothberg, Gallmeyer, Doermer and Strutz, which has become one of the larger firms in the City.

About the same time, he became interested in politics and government. Being an evolutionary rather than a revolutionary, he worked within the framework of the organization and became the leader of the "Young Turks" insisting that it was time for the mantle of leadership to pass on to the next generation. That he led well is evidenced by the fact that his party has been in control of County government with but few exceptions since 1938.

Having attained the goals sought locally, Tom turned his attention to Indianapolis and the State party organization. He

became District Chairman and ultimately State Chairman. During his political years he was an Associate City Attorney and County Attorney. Following the Birch Bayh upset, he turned his thoughts in the direction taken by his school chum and legal associate Dick Doermer; that is, toward financial institutions. He organized the American Federal Savings and Loan.

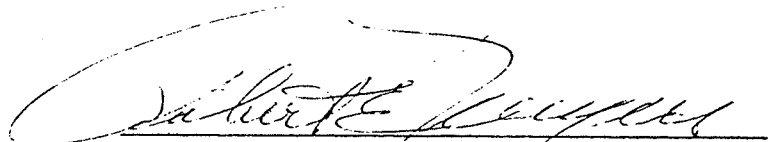
While still exercising his outstanding talents for organization and leadership, the dread neurological handicap began to take its toll. Nevertheless, he continued as President of the Savings and Loan Association, as a member of the law firm and especially as an active leader in the affairs of his church, Trinity English Lutheran, as well as in other civic endeavors.

He is survived by his mother, Nell; a son, Thomas, a member of this organization and of the law firm he assisted in founding; a daughter Ann, and two brothers.

To these we extend our sympathy, and having known Tom, we, too, to some smaller extent, share the feeling of loss.

Mr. President, I move that this resolution be adopted as a tribute to the memory of Thomas A. Gallmeyer, and that it be spread of record in this County, and a copy sent to his family.

Respectfully submitted
The Allen County Bar Association
Memorial Resolution Committee


Robert E. Meyers, Chairman

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