

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Robert J. Parrish

WHEREAS, we are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, Robert J. Parrish, who passed away on January 3, 2012, at the age of 95.

WHEREAS, Robert J. Parrish, was born to Raleigh and Ethel (Barkley) Parrish on October 13, 1916, in Decatur, Indiana. Robert grew up in Decatur and Fort Wayne, Indiana. He attended Harrison Hill School and graduated from South Side High School in 1934, where he was the class president in each of the four years he attended. He attended Indiana University (Bloomington) majoring in political science and graduated cum laude in 1938 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in government. Robert went on to attend the Indiana University School of Law (Bloomington) receiving his Juris Doctor degree in 1941.

WHEREAS, after graduating from law school, Robert returned to Allen County and began practicing law. He was associated with a number of well-regarded law firms during his years of practice, including the firms of Jackson, Parrish & Larson, Peters, Terrill, Parrish & Larson, Parrish, Knight, Jackson & Beal, and Parrish & Knight. He was admitted to practice law before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. Robert was a member of the Allen County Bar Association, the Indiana Bar Association and the American Bar Association during his years of practice. He served as President of the Allen County Bar Association in 1967-68. Robert also was a member of and served as President of the Legal Aid of Fort Wayne. In 1971, Robert was accepted into membership by the American College of Trial Lawyers. Robert was well respected by his colleagues in the bar, by the members of the bench in the state and federal courts and by the numerous clients who Robert represented during his long and honorable career.

WHEREAS, Robert was the husband of Harriet (Newell) Parrish for 42 years before she passed away in 1996.

WHEREAS, Robert Parrish was regarded as intelligent, articulate, kind, compassionate, humorous, and, honorable.

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 Robert J. Parrish.

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 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, Robert J. Parrish.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2012.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: *Shannon K. Reed*
Shannon K. Reed, President

By: *Wendy W. Davis*
*The Honorable Wendy W. Davis
Judge, Allen Superior Court*

