

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
UPON THE DEATH OF
H. JOSEPH HEPFORD**

Joe Hepford was engaged in the general practice of law in Harrisburg for more than 50 years. His early mentor was former President Judge Homer Krieder whose great attention to detail made an impression on Joe which served him well. He practiced with former Harrisburg Mayor Nolan Zeigler and Walter H. Compton who served for many years as the Referee in Bankruptcy Court in the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Joe also had a successful political career. He was groomed by the famous M. Harvey Taylor, himself a President Pro Tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate, whose political prowess was far-reaching throughout the state. Although Harve Taylor was referred to correctly as a "major political boss," he generally selected his candidates from those who were competent and able. Joe fit the bill. First and foremost, Joe was a very good lawyer and his clients and colleagues considered him without question an outstanding lawyer in the court room. He was exceptional in providing any necessary emotion and gusto when addressing the jury. His honesty was without repute which made a lifetime impression on me. His personal treatment of his clients was admirable. They loved him. Much of his practice in later years involved estate law and advising the elderly. He even went so far as to shovel his older clients' sidewalks and care for them in their nursing homes in their later days. His hospital visits and care of the elderly, particularly with respect to Walter Compton, so impressed Abe Cramer, a well-known real estate developer, that he referred to Joe as "a saint."

In his late 30's, Joe was elected to the State House of Representatives and served with distinction from 1962 to 1976, during which time he was Chairman of the House Banking and Savings and Loan Association Committee, the Judiciary Committee, as well as Secretary of both minority and majority caucuses. Joe was actively involved in charitable and secular organizations, including becoming one of the youngest district governors of Lions International,

at which time he founded the Pennsylvania Lions Eye Research Sight Conservation Foundation. He was also the Supreme Regent of the United States and Canada of Royal Arcanum, a fraternal beneficial society which developed life insurance at a reasonable cost.

Joe was a child of the Great Depression whose family lived on several farms early in his life. He graduated from Susquehanna High School, attended Dickinson College and graduated from Dickinson School of Law in 1948. Prior to that time he served as a fighter pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Joe never lost his love for airplanes and owned several throughout his life, as well a sail plane which is a glider. I was privileged to have Joe take me on a number of flights, both in the aircraft and the glider and had a great respect for Joe's safe piloting, although flights in a sail plane are a bit scary.

I went to work for Joe in 1962, during which time we were engaged in the general practice of law. Joe had a huge practice and I was exposed to virtually every type of legal matter. The background and exposure which I gained from Joe has served me well ever since. In 1970, Joe formed a partnership with LeRoy S. Zimmerman and myself that continued until Roy became the first elected Attorney General. Following that time, Joe headed up numerous law partnerships in which I was involved. One of Joe's most avid recreational activities was golf, which he took up relatively late in life but became very competent. Joe was also an active member of the Grace Church United Methodist in Penbrook where he taught the men's bible class for over 25 years.

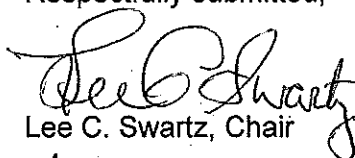
Joe was a great family man. He was married for 57 years to his wife, Grace, and they produced two brilliant daughters, Diane Lenahan and Marcia Watt, both of whom have become excellent lawyers. Joe lived a full life to the age of 85 years. He approached life with zeal and energy, accepted its hard knocks with a cheerful smile, had a great sense of humor, was generous and exhibited much compassion for others. He was a loyal friend and colleague and will be sorely missed.

Therefore, be it resolved that in the passing of H. Joseph Hepford the community and bar has lost one who has made a substantial contribution to both.

And resolve further that the members of the Dauphin County Bar Association in meeting assembled mourn the death of our esteemed colleague, H. Joseph Hepford and tender our sympathy and condolences to his widow and children.

And resolve further, that copies of this memorial resolution be spread upon the records of the Dauphin County Court and Dauphin County Bar Association, that the original copy be filed in the office of the Prothonotary, and that the copies be transmitted to his widow and family.

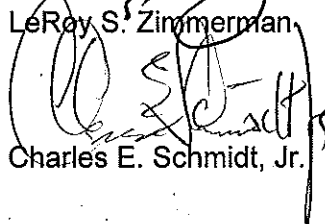
Respectfully submitted,



Lee C. Swartz, Chair



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