## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION UPON THE DEATH OF HEATH L. ALLEN

Heath Ledward Allen died on July 29, 2008, having lived and worked in the Harrisburg area for most of his life.

Heath was born in Harrisburg on June 24, 1927, attended the Harrisburg Academy, and graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. He attended Princeton University from 1944 to 1946 and then enlisted in the Army and served our country for two years. After completion of his military service, Heath obtained his A.B. degree from Princeton in 1949 and his L.L.B. degree from Yale Law School in 1952. He was elected to the Order of the Coif at Yale and served as Associate Editor of the Yale Law Journal.

Heath married Eleanor (Ellie) A. Martin on June 18, 1949, and they enjoyed 59 memorable years together. In addition to being a loving husband, Heath was a devoted father to his and Ellie's four children: Barbara, Heath II, Melissa, and Martin.

After graduation from law school, Heath joined the Harrisburg law firm of Hull, Leiby & Metzger in 1952 and became a partner in 1955. The firm later evolved into Keefer Wood Allen & Rahal, LLP, from which he retired in 2005 after practicing law for 53 years. Heath was widely recognized as one of the premier attorneys in the area, specializing in business law and estate planning and administration. He loved working with his clients, advising and encouraging them to consider wealth transmission to their families and favorite charities, and teaching the next generation the value of giving and volunteering in their communities. Heath was an adept, elegant writer. His letters, which often displayed his unique wry humor, were cherished by the recipients. One of his colleagues said he embodied a life lesson, and that is, "Never let fear overwhelm your intellect and never be afraid to pursue an unconventional path when your conscience and your intelligence tell you it's the right thing to do."

For 53 years, Heath was a proud member of the Rotary Club of Harrisburg, serving one term on its Board of Directors. He served as President of both the Dauphin County Bar Association and the Tri-County United Fund in the early 1960s, and was named a Fellow of the American College of Trust & Estate Counsel in 1976. For decades, Heath served on the boards of numerous prominent corporations, including as Secretary and board member of Arnold Industries, Inc. and New Penn Motor Express and as a board member of Hamilton Bank (now Wachovia Bank).

A member of Market Square Presbyterian Church, Heath served for many years as an Elder and a member of the Board of Trustees. He made extraordinary contributions to his congregation's well-being. Heath's wise counsel was immensely helpful in building the Endowment Fund to ensure the church's financial stability. He guided the trustees through critical decisions to conclude its radio-station ministry (WMSP-FM) and personally negotiated the terms of that business transaction. Heath also served as a member of the Investment Committee, providing sound advice that came from his considerable experience and good judgment. In his memory, Ellie recently established the Heath Allen Mission Fund to extend his compassion throughout the world.

Heath was also an avid and accomplished golfer. He shot his age in 2003 when he was 77 and made a hole in one a few years later. Heath was a long-standing member of The Country Club of Harrisburg, serving as Secretary of its Board of Governors. During the past several years, Heath was also a member of the Nantucket Golf Club in Massachusetts, where he and Ellie enjoyed a vacation home.

A favorite part of Heath's daily routine was an early morning walk in the Camp Hill Park with some neighbors and their dogs. This came to be known as the "Camp Hill Dog Group." One summer morning Heath was walking with his daughter Melissa and her three dogs. The other members of the group noted that Heath was without his dog. Heath replied to the group "My wife and my dog are in Nantucket. And I really miss him!" This story illustrates two of Heath's many qualities. First, he had the driest and sharpest sense of humor. And secondly, getting up at the "crack of dawn" to walk dogless with his dog group reflects his deep love and dedication to his family and friends.

Heath exemplified and valued the important things in life--working with clients, serving his church and community, and enjoying various activities with his family and friends.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with the passing of Heath L. Allen, the community has lost a highly respected attorney and citizen, and his family has lost a devoted husband, father, and brother.

AND RESOLVED FURTHER, that the members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, in this meeting assembled, mourn the death of our esteemed colleague and former President, Heath L. Allen, and offer our sympathy and heartfelt condolences to his widow, Ellie, their four children and three grandchildren, and his brother, Albert Allen.

**AND RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this Memorial Resolution be spread upon the records of the Dauphin County Courts and the Dauphin County Bar Association, that the original be filed in the Office of the Prothonotary, and that copies be transmitted to Ellie Allen and the Allen family.

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