MEMORIAL FOR JOHN HARPEN

John H. Harpen exemplified the finest tradition and values of the legal profession. His honesty, integrity and legal ability served his clients well and earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow lawyers.

John graduated from the University of Toledo=s College of Law after serving in the military during the Korean conflict. He became an accomplished trial lawyer. His litigation skills were initially developed by trying felony cases as an assistant county prosecutor. He then went into private practice with the firm of Boggs & Boggs and served in the Law Department of the City of Toledo as a civil litigator.

John became an expert in the area of eminent domain while in private practice and later used those skills in trying appropriations case for the City of Toledo. He had the ability to quickly identify the key issues in a lawsuit and a gift for presenting evidence in a clear and understandable fashion to a judge or jury. These gifts also made him an effective and dangerous cross examiner. He could

make a difficult task look easy.

In addition to his litigation skills, John had an innate sense of fairness and an abundance of common sense. This rare combination of skills and abilities enabled him to resolve the cases that should have been resolved and effectively try the cases that could not be settled. His integrity was beyond doubt, and dealing with him on a professional level was never difficult.

John had a long and wonderful marriage to Marsha and that relationship was a source of strength and comfort for him. His children and grandchildren brought him much joy and satisfaction. He was first class as a father, husband and lawyer.