

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Whereas, under the dispensation of all wise providence, Virgil V. Huff, a member of the Saline County, Missouri, Bar, has been removed by death from our midst, and

Whereas, it is appropriate that we, as members of the Bar, should respect his memory by expressing a feeling of appreciation of his many fine qualities which endeared him to the Bar, the people of our city and county, and recognizing that during the period of his practice of the law at this Bar he had come to a most enviable position in his profession, had acquired the confidence of the people of the city and county to a marked degree, and had established a reputation for honesty, integrity and ability and was in the enjoyment of a large and growing business, untiring in his efforts as a public spirited citizen for the welfare and progress of his city and county, always ready to render aid in any enterprise which was for the benefit of the community, courageous, forceful and faithful, a profound student and an indomitable worker, energetic and ambitious to accomplish that which was for the best interests of this community, zealous and influential in his religious and church work and further recognizing and appreciating the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him as a friend and citizen, and the respect and confidence he commanded as an attorney and counsellor in the profession of the law, the high ideals by which he was guided in the practice of his profession, the result

of his individual efforts and ambitious of his boyhood days, a splendid type of a successful, self-made citizen, therefore be it

Resolved, that in the death of Virgil V. Huff, our State and County have sustained the loss of a wise and valuable citizen, the city a zealous friend and laborer in its enterprises, his church a loyal, faithful and conscientious member and worker, our Bar an able, brilliant and industrious lawyer and his bereaved wife a kind, loving and indulgent husband. That we tender our sincerest sympathies to the wife and aged mother and surviving kindred in the hours of their grief and share the same with them.

That a copy of these resolutions be delivered to the Criminal and Circuit Courts of Saline County and a copy to his widow and family.

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Committee

Mr. Huff was among the representative young men of not only Marshall and Saline, but of central Missouri. He was descended from a fine old English family and his grandfather, the late Peter Huff moved from Tennessee to Saline county, about 1816, when Missouri was still a territory and settled in the old neighborhood of Goodhope, in the eastern part of the county. This staunch pioneer Baptist was a charter member of the Good Hope church, which was organized in 1818 and became famous among the religious organizations of the county.

The late John Huff, the father of the deceased, was the youngest son of Peter Huff and came to the county with his parents, when a boy. He grew to manhood and continued the work as an agriculturist started by the father, remaining after his marriage to Miss Jane Hampton, the surviving mother of Mr. Huff, in the Good Hope neighborhood. Virgil V. Huff was the youngest son born to this union, March 27, 1876, he remained on the parental farm until 1892, receiving his primary education in the Good Hope and Gilliam schools. In 1892 he entered Missouri Valley College, graduating in 1898. Later he graduated from the law department of Washington University at St. Louis, and entered at once upon the practice of his profession in this city and has continued steadily and untiringly in his business, which has constantly increased and he adhering always to high standards of righteousness and service has steadily grown in popularity.

During Governor Folks administration Mr. Huff was a member of his military staff, with the rank of colonel and served during the Folk administration.

When he entered Missouri Valley College in 1892, his work in the church commenced and has been monumental. For a number of years he has taught a business man's class that is among the most progressive and active in the state and its achievements have been among the potent factors for good in the First Baptist church of Marshall.