## RESOLUTION AND MEMORIAL

## IN HONOR OF

## THOMAS MCGRATH MULLEN

On this 13th day of November, 1990, before the Honorable Kenneth A. Griffin, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, presiding at the November 13, 1990, Session of the Superior Court Division of the General Court of Justice for the 26th Judicial District of the State of North Carolina, the Mecklenburg County Bar presents this Resolution and Memorial in honor of Thomas McGrath Mullen who died at Charlotte, North Carolina, on August 28, 1990.

Tom Mullen was born on May 19, 1916, in Elmira, New York. He attended schools in Jeffersonville and Rochester, New York, and graduated from the De Veaux Military Academy in Niagara Falls, New York, and from Colgate University in Hamilton, New York.

In World War II he served with the Army Air Corps and was stationed in Seoul, Korea. Upon his release from the service, he attended law school at Chapel Hill and after his graduation in 1949 he came to Charlotte where he practiced until his death. In 1967 he served as Judge Pro Tem of the City Recorder Court.

Tom was a loyal Mason. He was secretary and past Master of Excelsior Lodge #261, and a member of the Scottish and York Bodies and of Oasis Temple. He was also a member and Worthy

Patron of Mizpah Charter #36 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Tom liked people and liked doing things for people. He read the Charlotte Observer from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. three times a week to print handicapped persons over Public Radio at CPCC. He was an active blood donor for over 30 years.

When he reached age 65, the rules of the Red Cross required that he stop giving blood. Thereafter the rules were changed; he began giving blood again and gave blood three times in the year before his death including the Sunday before he died.

He was in charge of the blood donor project at his church, and on the Sunday before his death more blood was given by church members than ever before.

Tom was well-known in local acting circles. He was active in Theater Charlotte both on stage and backstage and in 1968 played the role of Tom Polk in "The Hornets Nest", a historical drama produced for Charlotte's Bicentennial Celebration.

For 30 years Tom was a member of Holy Comforter Church where he served as a Sunday School teacher and lay leader. For 15 years he was in charge of the Sunday morning worship service at Charlotte Rehabilitation Center sponsored by Holy Comforter.

When he married his widow, Katie, in 1986, he moved his membership to Steele Creek Presbyterian Church where he was an active layman and teacher of the Billie Watt Sunday School Class.

Tom was a member of the American Legion and a member and past Commander of Queen City Chapter 10 of the Disabled American Veterans.

During the five years before his death, Tom and Katie attended Elderhostels at Universities in Florida, Oregon, New Mexico, New York and Pennsylvania.

Tom is survived by his wife Katie, sons Larry McCoy of Richmond, Virginia; Richard McCoy of Rock Hill, South Carolina; Patrick McCoy of Charlotte; daughters Mrs. Dorothy Summit and Mrs. Melanie Benton and by six grandchildren.

We, the undersigned, in love and respect, therefore, move:

- 1. That the adjournment of this Court this day be in honor of Thomas McGrath Mullen;
- 2. That this Resolution be inscribed in the minutes of the Court as a permanent record of the respect in which Thomas McGrath Mullen is held by this Bar; and
- 3. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of this court to Thomas McGrath Mullen's widow, Katie.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of November, 1990.

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President, Mecklenburg County Bar

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For the Memorials Committee

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