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PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
TACOMA, WASHINGTON

October 25, 1913.

Mrs. John A. Parker and Family,
1022 North "I" Street,
City.

Dear Friends:

At a meeting of the Pierce County Bar Association, held this morning at the Court House in Judge Clifford's department, the enclosed resolution on the death of your late husband and father was unanimously adopted, and I was instructed, as Secretary, to enclose a copy to his family.

You can see from this the high esteem in which your husband was held by the members of the Bar, and that his loss was keenly felt by us all.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Keirly

Secretary Pierce County Bar Association.

[Enclosure, 25 Oct 1913]

1 TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF
2 PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

3 The undersigned committee, appointed for the pur-
4 pose of presenting to you resolutions of the death of John
5 A. Parker, a member of said association, respectfully pre-
6 sents the following:-

7 The sad information has been conveyed to us that
8 John A. Parker one of our members died at his home on the 17th
9 day of October 1913. He was born on the 16th day of April,
10 1857 in Fountain County, Illinois, and in the year 1883 moved
11 to the City of Tacoma, where he has been ever since said time,
12 in the active practice of law. and

13 WHEREAS, the ancient and honored custom permits
14 us after such an event, to assemble and pay a tribute of
15 respect to one of our profession who is worthy and deserving
16 and if we wish, to seal the record of his professional life
17 and career with a signa of our admiration and respect,

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that John A. Parker not
19 only won the admiration of the members of our profession and
20 the people of this State at large, but he deserved it. He
21 had a keen sense of justice and clear conception of the rights
22 of men, involved in their business transactions, he viewed
23 and discussed with impatience the rules of law or practice
24 which in their slightest degree interefered with their per-
25 fect enforcement.

26 If the law of the case was with him he succeeded,
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1 but there were no tricks or personal attributes of overbearing
2 egotism which aided in any manner to land success with him.
3 He was at all times true to the highest ideals of the profes-
4 sion never lacking in the devotion to the interests of his
5 clients, subject however to the requirements of truth and
6 justice. While he stood high as a lawyer, his greatest asset
7 was, and his most lasting monument will be his friends; the
8 many, many friends who knew him intimately, who loved him
9 dearly and who will miss him sadly.

10 He was an honor to his profession and a credit to his
11 State, and that the memory of his good and upright life
12 should be an inspiration to us all.

13 As a slight tribute from the members of the Pierce County
14 Bar Association we your committee, respectfully recommend
15 the adoption of the following Resolutions:-

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the bar association of Pierce County,
17 Washington, that in the death of John A. Parker we have lost
18 a most sincere friend and congenial companion, an honorable,
19 upright and honest member of the bar of this County, and we
20 the bar association of this County, hereby express our deep-
21 est regret and sincerest sympathy to his relatives and friends
22 in their bereavement.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these resolutions be spread
24 upon the minutes, and a copy of the same be sent to the
25 immediate family of the deceased.

26 T. L. Stiles,

27 Newton H. Peer.

28 Frank S. Carroll.

29 (Committee)
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