## RESOLUTION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION UPON THE PASSING OF DANIEL W. LONG, ESQUIRE

WHEREAS, Almighty God, on November 8, 1998, called our colleague, friend and fellow member, Daniel W. Long, from our midst; and

WHEREAS, although deeply saddened by Dan's death, we, the members of Franklin County Bar Association, now specially assembled, for reflection upon our various recollections of Dan and to adopt such Memorial Resolution, upon his passing, as may be appropriate, are mindful of his many attributes, which will continue to live on, in memory, among us, and to serve as good example, to us and others; and

WHEREAS, it has occurred to us that, precedent to such resolution, a record of some of those events of Dan's life should, first, be written, here.

We note that Dan was born on July 8, 1910, in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the public schools of Waynesboro and, in High School, became a star football player, for the Waynesboro team. Since Dan's father owned the Waynesboro Ice and Cold Storage, at that time, it has been said that Dan and four or five other members of the team, always found jobs at the Ice and Cold storage, where it was the common practice to carry around, by hand, heavy blocks of ice, for the vast residential and commercial use of such commodity, in those days. By this method, Dan sought to, and, apparently was successful in, keeping his teammates and himself in the best of physical shape, for each season. Dan graduated from Waynesboro High School with the class of 1928, then attended and graduated from Gettysburg College in 1932 and, thereafter, the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, from which he graduated in 1935. He was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, that same year, and served his then required law clerkship, with the late Edmund C. Wingerd, who, later, became President Judge of

the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Dan became a founding member of the law partnership of Wingerd and Long, and associated with the son of said late Judge Wingerd, Edmund C. Wingerd, Jr., who became a partner of that firm, also.

Already displaying a prowess in the field of litigation practice, Dan was appointed, with another late attorney, George S. Black, to represent a man accused of murder, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1937. This case also involved an attempted lynching of the accused, and the need of the President Judge, at that time, the late Judge Watson R. Davison, to become personally involved in breaking up the lynch mob. At the conclusion of the trial, nevertheless, through the efforts of defense counsel, the accused was given a life sentence, instead of a death sentence, and this was no mean success, inasmuch as, in another accused's case, before the Court the same term, the other accused received the death penalty and was later executed. The law firm of Wingerd and Long concentrated, mostly, in the practice of the civil law, with offices in the Chambersburg Trust Company Building, where it moved from the third to the fifth floor, in 1937, and has remained, ever since. Dan handled much civil litigation in the Courts, and is known for having been a prominent insurance company defense attorney. He also did some work, for a time, in the defense of Workmen's Compensation cases. Known as always the tenacious counsel, in litigation, Dan had another side--that of the gentleman.

Perhaps, it was this aspect of Dan which most revered him, to his colleagues, among the profession. He was the man who always seemed to act, in an appropriate manner, staid but with a wry wit, he was known as a man whose word could be trusted and who would be straight forward in his dealings with others. Dan was friendly and congenial, extremely courteous, and his ethics were unquestionable. He did not always agree with the other side, but when he disagreed, he did so, up front, with pronouncement of his position. It could be summed up, that Dan was known as

an astute and diligent civil litigator, but, also, as the finest of gentlemen -- "one of the grand practitioners," one contemporary of his has put it.

Such summary, however, does not tell it all. A respected leader of the bar, Dan was president of the Franklin County Bar Association, from 1961 to 1966. He was attorney for Franklin County, during the years 1943 and 1944. He was also the Borough Solicitor of the Borough of Chambersburg, from 1946 to 1979, and served for many years on the board of directors of and as Solicitor for the Valley Bank and Trust Company, a banking institution, in Chambersburg, and its predecessors. Dan was also the Solicitor for the Chambersburg Municipal Authority, until the time of his death. His activities, other than in the practice of law, included membership in Trinity Lutheran Church, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, director and president, for seventeen years, of the Childrens' Aid Society of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, director and past president of the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce, member and past president of the Chambersburg Rotary Club, a director of the Salvation Army of Chambersburg, and an organizer of the Chambersburg Community Chest (now called the "United Way"). He was a United States Navy Veteran of World War II, a member of Burt J. Asper Post 46 American Legion, and Charles M. Nitterhouse Post 1599 Veterans of Foreign Wars. Dan was also married. He and his widow, Marie, were the parents of two daughters, who are all among those to whom we wish to express our sympathy, at this time, but try to extend, in some small way, the message of what Dan's life has meant to us.

NOW, THEREFORE, this 13th day of November, 1998, in special meeting duly assembled, be it RESOLVED, by Franklin County Bar Association, that we do hold the memory of Daniel W. Long, Esquire, in high regard, for his friendship, congeniality, professional skill, and service, and we do hereby express our deep sense of loss. He will be sadly missed, by all of us, as well, we are certain, as by his family, other friends and associates.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy hereof be delivered to Dan's widow, Marie, and to each of his daughters, Phyllis and Mary.

November 13, 1998

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## Deaths

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Robert G. Sellers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Daniel W. Long

Daniel W. Long, 88, of 840-A Menno Village, died Sunday, Nov. 8, in Menno Haven.

Born July 8, 1910 in Waynesboro, he was the son of the late John B. and N. Esther Wooster Long. He is survived by his wife, Marie Kepner Long.

Mr. Long was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Burt J. Asper American Legion Post 46 and Charles Nitterhouse VFW Post

Active in civic organizations, he had been director and president of the Children's Aid Society of Franklin County for 17 years; direcpresident and past of Chambersburg Chamber Commerce; member and past president of Chambersburg Rotary Club; was active in the Chambersburg Community Chest (now the United Way); and was a director of the Salvation Army in Chambersburg.

A World War II veteran, he served with the U.S. Navy. He was a graduate of the Waynesboro School District, Gettysburg College and University of Pennsylvania Law School. Admitted to practice by the state Supreme Court in 1935, he practiced in Chambersburg until his retirement this year, with the exception of his military service.

Since 1946, he had been a member of the firm of Wingerd and Long. He served as Chambersburg Borough solicitor for 33 years, county solicitor from 1943-44, and was director and solicitor of Valley Bank and Trust Co. for many years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Phyllis L. Gressens of Blacksburg, Va., and Mary L. Booth of Nokomis, Fla.; and four granddaughters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, in Trinity Lutheran Church, 26 W. Commerce St., with the Rev. Dr. Neal O. Hively officiating. Interment will be

sent to Children's Aid Society of Franklin County, 225 Miller St., Chambersburg, 17201.

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