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MEMORIAL RECORDING

in words of the

**SUPREME COURT OF
INDIANA**

JUNE 20, 1865

*When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd
And the great star early droop'd
in the western sky in the night,
I mourn'd, and yet shall mourn
with ever-returning spring.*

—Walt Whitman

From Memories of President Lincoln



With these majestic words, Walt Whitman began his lament on the death of President Lincoln . . .

There is a season when the thoughts of all men—especially poets—may turn reverently toward the great star. The season is April—“When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd.” The star is Lincoln.

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IND.
RESOLVED: That his example, in all stages of his life, is worthy of imitation by his countrymen.*

After the first wave of grief had swept our nation—as well as many other parts of a world shocked by the news of Lincoln's death, one state of the Union gave official voice to its deep sorrow on the death of a president for the first time in its history in the proceedings of the Supreme Court. That state was Indiana, where the boy Lincoln had lived from the age of seven to twenty-one; where he had made his home for the first fourteen years of Indiana's statehood.

So sincere, deep, heartfelt were the words spoken on that day, barely two months after the event they memorialized, that the hurt, the loyalty of these earnest men throb in every utterance.

At the opening of the court on the morning of the 20th day of June, 1865, the preamble and resolutions prepared and adopted at a meeting of the bar of the Supreme Court, were presented by a committee, with the request that they might be spread upon the records of the court.

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The memorable words may be heard again in the voices of Dr. John W. Meister, pastor of the First Presbyterian church; R. Nelson Snider, principal of South Side High School; Edwin R. Thomas, attorney; Dr. Frederick A. Schminke, Professor of History, Indiana University Extension Center—all of Fort Wayne, Indiana.



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