

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
ALFRED WILLIAM KETTLER, SR.
1892-1985

Whereas, The vision and efforts of Alfred William Kettler, Sr., guided the establishment and development of Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne; and

Whereas, He was an incorporator and director of the Indiana-Purdue Foundation at Fort Wayne and member of the IPFW Board of Advisors; and

Whereas, It is fitting for the Senate to pay tribute to his life and works;

Resolved, That this memorial resolution be recorded as part of the minutes of this body and sent to his family.

Alfred William Kettler, Sr., led a good and long life dedicated to the betterment of his fellow man. While seeking no honors for himself, he tirelessly sought opportunities to serve his community, his church, and, of special interest to this assembly, his beloved IPFW.

Mr. Kettler, who retired as president of the Indiana Construction Company in 1966, was a member of the Purdue University Board of Trustees for eighteen years. His loyalty to Purdue University was overshadowed only by his conviction that a combined campus of Purdue University and Indiana University in Fort Wayne would be in the best interests of the people of northeastern Indiana.

Throughout the 1950's, Mr. Kettler promoted among university administrators, community leaders, and government officials his dream of a joint campus. The acquisition of land for the campus, the incorporation of the Indiana-Purdue Foundation at Fort Wayne in 1958, and the construction of the building named in his honor testify as much to his energy and ideals as to his remarkable power of persuasion.

When Purdue University granted Mr. Kettler an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at IPFW's 1971 Commencement, the citation described him as a "man of both imagination and untiring service who brought into being a university where there was none." Mr. Kettler was also responsible for the preservation of campus memories, for through his generosity a history of IPFW's creation years was commissioned.

This assembly celebrates the life and mourns the passing of one of IPFW's founders, a man who will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Margery E. Kettler; his son Alfred W. "Bill" Kettler, Jr.; his son Edgar F. Kettler; and four grandchildren.