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A DEDICATION
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN
PLACED ON THE
NATIONAL REGISTER
OF HISTORIC PLACES
BY THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

On Flag Day, Sunday, June 14 at 1:00 a formal ceremony will be held on the County Court House Square in recognition of its placement and other surrounding properties on the National Register last August. On this occasion the people will dedicate the Historic Court House District by reciting in unison the following dedication:

THIS IS AMERICA
by C. W. Lattin

O fleeting life we are here today.
A moment in time,
A fragment in space,
A setting in eclectic splendor,
A gamut of time and taste and style surround us.

This is America

Greek and Roman - Doric, Ionic, Corinthian,
Gothic, Norman, Romanesque, Renaissance and Italianate,
Second Empire, Eastlake, Queen Anne, Colonial and Contemporary,
".....altars to the beautiful necessity."
Magnanimous monuments to courageous spirits,
inventive minds and lofty ideals.

This is America

Law, Order and Justice,
Liturgical, Fundamental and Liberal upliftment,
Knowledge and communion for all.
Education, Social Orders and Government Programs
right down to the soil.
And let us not forget Heart and Home.

This is America

This land hath been trod before,
These bulwarks kissed with personified love.
Through such mighty institutions our life blood has come.
From wee people to famous personages.
Ordinary indeed, yet extraordinary even more.

In Dedication to this voluminous and chimerical legacy
let appreciative devotion become Paramount.

This is America