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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION celebrating the
2 achievements and contributions of attorney, community leader,
3 and civil rights activist Fay H. Williams.

4 *Whereas, Fay H. Williams is recognized as a community*
5 *leader who has worked tirelessly to better the lives of others,*
6 *especially women, minorities, the mentally ill, and those who*
7 *face disadvantages;*

8 *Whereas, Her work on behalf of others, starting from early*
9 *childhood, exemplifies what it means to live a life of service;*

10 *Whereas, She has used her formidable organizing and*
11 *fundraising skills to advance civil rights and equality in our*
12 *society;*

13 *Whereas, Fay's influence extends nationally, especially*
14 *through her work with the League of Women Voters, where as*
15 *chair of the Women's Education Fund, stretching back to the*
16 *1960s, she worked to educate and encourage women to seek*
17 *elected office;*

18 *Whereas, She has guided and strengthened many central*
19 *Indiana civic and cultural organizations through her service as*
20 *a board member, including as a founding board member of the*
21 *Indianapolis Urban League and Girls Inc.;*

22 *Whereas, She has also served the community through her*
23 *work as a family law attorney, which has had a profound effect*
24 *on people's lives;*



1 *Whereas, Fay has built and mobilized connections, networks,*
 2 *and relationships across boundaries to effect change and to*
 3 *bring people together to make a difference;*

4 *Whereas, Her advocacy of the Juneteenth emancipation*
 5 *celebration, rising from her witness as a child in Galveston,*
 6 *Texas, has educated many about the enduring meaning and*
 7 *power of this event in our nation's history and the importance*
 8 *of remembering it across generations;*

9 *Whereas, Her efforts to expand the commemoration of*
 10 *Juneteenth have been untiring and have led to observance of*
 11 *this key event in the Indianapolis area long before it was finally*
 12 *recognized as a national holiday; and*

13 *Whereas, Those who have benefitted from Fay H. Williams'*
 14 *wisdom and work continue to shape our community for the*
 15 *better, creating a lasting legacy: Therefore,*

16 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
 17 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
 18 *the Senate concurring:*

19 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly celebrates
 20 the accomplishments and legacy of Fay H. Williams and
 21 expresses its deep appreciation for her distinguished service to
 22 the community, her dedication to equal rights, her passion for
 23 history and its impact, and her demonstration of true
 24 community leadership.

25 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
 26 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Fay
 27 H. Williams.

