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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Mercy  
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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Mercy  
2 Obeime.

3           *Whereas, Dr. Mercy Obeime graduated from the University*  
4 *of Benin in Nigeria and completed her family medicine*  
5 *residency at Indiana University School of Medicine in*  
6 *Indianapolis in 1996;*

7           *Whereas, Dr. Mercy Obeime has been employed by*  
8 *Franciscan Health since finishing her residency in family*  
9 *medicine at Indiana University;*

10           *Whereas, In July 1996, Dr. Mercy Obeime started practicing*  
11 *at Garfield Park in Indianapolis and established the*  
12 *Franciscan Health Neighborhood Center at Garfield Park. One*  
13 *of the important missions of the clinic was to serve the*  
14 *uninsured in the area, and this clinic grew and became a model*  
15 *for best practices to serve patients with limited resources;*

16           *Whereas, Dr. Mercy Obeime worked with the Indiana Black*  
17 *Legislative Caucus (IBLC) and the late State Representative*  
18 *Bill Crawford on a variety of health-related issues. She was*  
19 *asked to work with Governor Mitch Daniels' administration on*  
20 *the inaugural Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) and Rx Indiana, a*  
21 *pharmaceutical assistance program for patients now replaced*  
22 *by GoodRx. She continued to work with the Daniels*  
23 *administration and Governor Mike Pence's administration on*  
24 *health-related policies;*

25           *Whereas, The late U.S. Senator Richard Lugar recognized*  
26 *Dr. Mercy Obeime's work and dedication, and invited her to*



1 *participate in The Lugar Series: Leadership in Action. She*  
 2 *participated in the series in 2009 and was a member of the*  
 3 *Lugar Leadership Series board from 2010 to 2021;*

4 *Whereas, In 2009, Dr. Mercy Obeime was appointed Director*  
 5 *of Community and Global Health at Franciscan Health;*

6 *Whereas, Dr. Mercy Obeime serves as Director of Medical*  
 7 *Training at the Marion County Public Health Department*  
 8 *where she oversees the training of medical students, residents,*  
 9 *and fellows in community and global health;*

10 *Whereas, In 2010, Dr. Mercy Obeime established the*  
 11 *SYMPAQ Clinic at the Franciscan Health Neighborhood*  
 12 *Health Center, became board certified in hospice and palliative*  
 13 *medicine to treat patients suffering from severe pain and end of*  
 14 *life problems, and helped establish the Franciscan substance*  
 15 *use disorder clinic which officially opened in January 2019;*

16 *Whereas, Dr. Mercy Obeime founded the Mercy Foundation*  
 17 *in 2003 and merged with the Timmy Foundation in 2010 to*  
 18 *become Timmy Global Health. This organization partners with*  
 19 *organizations in Ecuador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic,*  
 20 *and Nigeria to improve health outcomes; and*

21 *Whereas, Dr. Mercy Obeime is the 151st President of the*  
 22 *Indianapolis Medical Society. She is the first woman of African*  
 23 *descent to hold this position: Therefore,*

24 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
 25 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
 26 *the Senate concurring:*

27 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Dr.  
 28 Mercy Obeime and her dedication to improving the health of  
 29 Hoosiers.

30 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
 31 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State  
 32 Representative Gregory Porter for distribution.

