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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the lifetime achievements of Indianapolis journalist Barbara Boyd.

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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the lifetime  
2 achievements of Indianapolis journalist Barbara Boyd.

3           *Whereas, Born on April 27, 1929, Barbara Boyd has lived*  
4 *an inspirational life as a trailblazing journalist and continues*  
5 *to lead active efforts to promote opportunities for Indiana's*  
6 *students of color;*

7           *Whereas, In 1969, Barbara Boyd joined WFBM, now*  
8 *known as WRTV, in Indianapolis and became the first*  
9 *African-American female to report and anchor television news*  
10 *in the state of Indiana;*

11           *Whereas, Barbara Boyd remained at WRTV until 1994,*  
12 *-serving as the station's consumer reporter and anchor for 25*  
13 *years, becoming the definitive consumer reporter in the Circle*  
14 *City and a household name throughout the state;*

15           *Whereas, In 1973, Barbara Boyd, addressing a television*  
16 *audience from a hospital bed following her mastectomy*  
17 *operation, captured the nation's attention with a*  
18 *groundbreaking report highlighting her struggle with breast*  
19 *cancer and raising awareness that educated and motivated*  
20 *women to seek preventative medical care;*

21           *Whereas, Barbara Boyd's significant contributions extend*  
22 *beyond her career in journalism with her involvement in many*  
23 *community and civic organizations, such as the March of*  
24 *Dimes, a group that focuses on addressing maternal and infant*



1 *healthcare, the NAACP, and the Indiana Make-A-Wish*  
2 *Foundation;*

3 *Whereas, For 50 years, Barbara Boyd has served as a*  
4 *volunteer and advocate for Indianapolis' United Negro College*  
5 *Fund (UNCF), helping Indiana understand the adversities*  
6 *faced by deserving students of color, creating opportunities for*  
7 *these young Hoosiers, and communicating the needs of*  
8 *historically Black colleges;*

9 *Whereas, Turning 94 this year, Barbara Boyd remains*  
10 *active in promoting UNCF's mission of equity in education*  
11 *throughout Indiana and across the country, lending her tireless*  
12 *efforts and voice to ensure that Hoosiers of color can realize*  
13 *their dream of going to college and become future leaders in*  
14 *Indiana;*

15 *Whereas, For her notable achievements and advocacy,*  
16 *Barbara Boyd has been recognized with four CASPER*  
17 *broadcasting awards from the Community Service Council of*  
18 *Indianapolis, was named "Woman of the Year" by the American*  
19 *Cancer Society, received awards from the Indianapolis Press*  
20 *Club, The Indiana State Medical Association, and the Cystic*  
21 *Fibrosis Research Foundation, was named one of Indianapolis'*  
22 *Top Ten Women by the Indianapolis Star for three consecutive*  
23 *years, was the recipient of the Martin Luther King Freedom*  
24 *Award, and was inducted into the Indianapolis Hall of Fame;*  
25 *and*

26 *Whereas, Barbara Boyd revolutionized the field of*  
27 *journalism for women and people of color, committed her life*  
28 *to community service, and brought essential awareness to*  
29 *critical issues, creating a legacy that will forever serve as an*  
30 *inspiration to young Hoosiers striving to break barriers and*  
31 *lead lives in the service of others: Therefore,*

32 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
33 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*  
34 *concurring:*



1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the  
2 lifetime achievements of Barbara Boyd and her dedicated  
3 commitment to serving Hoosiers.

4           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
5 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Barbara Boyd.

