

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION to memorialize the Honorable Mark "Tracy" Boatwright.

FORD J.D.

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION to memorialize the Honorable
2 Mark "Tracy" Boatwright.

3 *Whereas, Mark "Tracy" Boatwright was born to Marcus*
4 *and Mildred Boatwright on July 7, 1942, in Marion, Indiana,*
5 *and graduated from Marion High School, in 1960;*

6 *Whereas, Tracy served in the U.S. Army Military Police*
7 *with the 9th Infantry Division from 1966 to 1968 in Vietnam,*
8 *during which time he earned the Army Commendation Medal;*

9 *Whereas, Tracy joined the Marion Fire Department in*
10 *1973, where he served for 20 years and would eventually retire*
11 *as Battalion Chief;*

12 *Whereas, During his service, Tracy served as President of*
13 *Local 676, the Marion firefighters union, and led firefighters in*
14 *a strike for better wages that went on to gain national attention*
15 *and bring awareness to the issue of firefighters salaries;*

16 *Whereas, In 1984, Tracy was elected to the Marion City*
17 *Council, where he served as an at-large council member for 3*
18 *years;*

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1 *Whereas, Tracy then moved on to the Indiana House of*
2 *Representatives, where he served District 31 from 1987 to*
3 *1992, during which time he helped bring the Mississinewa*
4 *Riverwalk, a fitness and recreation trail, to Marion;*

5 *Whereas, Additionally, Tracy chaired and co-chaired many*
6 *committees in his time as a legislator and was chairman of the*
7 *Commission of Military and Veterans Affairs, as he was a*
8 *combat veteran;*

9 *Whereas, Tracy also selflessly helped saved one of his*
10 *fellow legislators who suffered a heart attack on the House*
11 *floor;*

12 *Whereas, In 1993, Tracy served on staff for Governor Evan*
13 *Bayh as the liaison to the House of Representatives and was*
14 *later appointed State Fire Marshal, where he would stay for 11*
15 *years and through 3 governors;*

16 *Whereas, After his time as State Fire Marshal, Tracy joined*
17 *Third House Advocacy Group and was also presented with the*
18 *Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest distinction awarded by*
19 *the governor;*

20 *Whereas, In 1997 he co-founded the Hoosier Burn Camp*
21 *for children traumatized by fires, and also supported many*
22 *groups and causes ranging from homeless assistance to animal*
23 *rights;*

24 *Whereas, In 2017, Tracy was inducted into the Marion Fire*
25 *Department Hall of Fame;*

26 *Whereas, Tracy passed away on January 8, 2024, and is*
27 *survived by his wife of 60 years, Virginia Ann Boatwright, their*
28 *3 children, 4 grandchildren, and his brother and sister, Terry*
29 *Boatwright and Marilyn Edwards; and*

30 *Whereas, Mark "Tracy" Boatwright dedicated his life to*



1 *service of others and was passionate about helping as many*
2 *people as he could throughout his life: Therefore,*

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4 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
5 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

6 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes the
7 Honorable Mark "Tracy" Boatwright.

8 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate transmit
9 copies of this resolution to the family of the Honorable Mark
10 "Tracy" Boatwright.

