

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing Mina Starsiak Hawk and Karen Laine for their efforts to revitalize historic homes around Indianapolis and their work rebuilding and rehabilitating the Fountain Square and Bates-Hendricks neighborhoods.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing Mina Starsiak
2 Hawk and Karen Laine for their efforts to revitalize historic
3 homes around Indianapolis and their work rebuilding and
4 rehabilitating the Fountain Square and Bates-Hendricks
5 neighborhoods.

6 *Whereas, Karen Laine and Mina Starsiak Hawk are a*
7 *mother-daughter team who co-founded Two Chicks and a*
8 *Hammer, Inc., after they began remodeling homes around*
9 *Indianapolis in 2007;*

10 *Whereas, The mission of Two Chicks and a Hammer is to*
11 *revitalize Indianapolis' downtown neighborhoods, and, by*
12 *focusing on their own neighborhoods of Fountain Square and*
13 *Bates-Hendricks, Karen and Mina are helping to restore these*
14 *parts of Indianapolis to their former glory, one property at a*
15 *time;*

16 *Whereas, In 2014, Karen and Mina caught the attention of*
17 *High Noon Entertainment - the producer of many popular*
18 *unscripted television shows - and soon found themselves the*
19 *stars of the HGTV series "Good Bones";*

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1 *Whereas, The series follows Karen and Mina, along with*
2 *the members of their family-focused team, as they buy homes in*
3 *serious disrepair and transform them into stunning remodels;*

4 *Whereas, Since their show premiered in 2016, there have*
5 *been 70 episodes over six seasons, each of them demonstrating*
6 *Karen and Mina's philosophy that people can do well by doing*
7 *good in their neighborhood;*

8 *Whereas, Research done by Visit Indy shows that Good*
9 *Bones - through its beautiful depictions of city landscapes and*
10 *tireless promotion by Mina - is a powerful source of tourism for*
11 *the City of Indianapolis;*

12 *Whereas, In addition to lifting property values,*
13 *rejuvenating neighborhoods, and stoking civic pride, Mina and*
14 *Karen have founded a nonprofit, Two Chicks Give Back, that*
15 *will provide financial assistance to residents in the*
16 *neighborhoods they have improved;*

17 *Whereas, Even though Karen retired from the company in*
18 *2019, she still plays an important role in the series, while Mina*
19 *continues to grow the business, including the renovation of*
20 *roughly 14 houses per year; and*

21 *Whereas, Through their hard work and dedication to their*
22 *ideals, Karen and Mina have demonstrated the effectiveness of*
23 *social entrepreneurship as a tool for improving the lives of*
24 *Hoosiers: Therefore,*

25 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
26 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

27 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes Mina
28 Starsiak Hawk and Karen Laine for their efforts to revitalize
29 historic homes around Indianapolis and their work rebuilding
30 and rehabilitating the Fountain Square and Bates-Hendricks



1 neighborhoods.

2 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to
3 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mina Starsiak Hawk and
4 Karen Laine.

