

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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2 Griffin, Terry Whitt Bailey, Sylvia Bogle, Joyce and Edward
3 Foggs, Vivian Conley, and others for their many contributions
4 to Madison County, Delaware County, and the state during
5 Black History Month 2018.

6 *Whereas, WaTasha Barnes-Griffin was born and raised in*
7 *Muncie, Indiana. From an early age she had a passion for*
8 *helping others, a characteristic she credits to her mother and*
9 *grandmother, two very strong women in her life. At age 42,*
10 *WaTasha is the director of the YWCA of Muncie and president*
11 *of the Muncie Chapter of Indiana Black Expo. WaTasha is*
12 *committed to empowering women and eliminating racism in her*
13 *community, living her life by the "Golden Rule";*

14 *Whereas, Terry Whitt Bailey began life in Springfield,*
15 *Illinois and moved to Indianapolis at age 15. Her education*
16 *includes an undergraduate degree from Rutgers University, a*
17 *master's degree from UCLA, and a Doctor of Ministry degree*
18 *from Newburgh Theological Seminary. Terry has had an*
19 *astounding career, serving as president and CEO of Muncie's*
20 *Cornerstone Center for the Arts, administrator and professor*
21 *at Ball State University, and president and CEO at the Madame*



1 *Walker Theater Center in Indianapolis. In her current position,*
2 *Terry serves as the Community Development Director for the*
3 *city of Muncie and is one of the most high-profile department*
4 *heads in Mayor Dennis Tyler's administration. Terry strives to*
5 *"be a blessing" to her community and serves as a role model for*
6 *young men and women of color who, like she did, face setbacks*
7 *at times;*

8 *Whereas, Sylvia Bogle has dedicated her career to*
9 *providing Hoosier women who are victims of abuse with a safe*
10 *place and advocating for laws to protect them. Sylvia was the*
11 *1st executive director of Women's Alternative, now known as*
12 *Alternatives Inc., which is a domestic violence shelter in*
13 *Madison County. She is also a co-founder of the Indiana*
14 *Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), whose*
15 *campaign is to raise awareness about domestic violence. Sylvia*
16 *was directly responsible for the passage of several pieces of*
17 *vital legislation in the early 1980s. Beginning in 1987, Sylvia*
18 *became the director of ICADV and now works at Ivy Tech*
19 *Community College as a financial aid director;*

20 *Whereas, In 2011, Joyce and Edward Foggs were awarded*
21 *the Heritage Award by the Anderson University Heritage Club.*
22 *This honor is awarded to members of the Heritage Club who*
23 *have helped advance Anderson University. Edward Foggs*
24 *served as the pastor of the Sherman Street Church of God and*
25 *previously worked as an adjunct professor at Anderson*
26 *University. Joyce Foggs was an elementary school teacher and*
27 *administrator in the Anderson Community School Corporation*
28 *for nearly 35 years, eventually lending her talents to young*
29 *teaching students at Anderson University;*

30 *Whereas, Vivian Conley was an activist for civil rights and*
31 *education in Muncie. She was education coordinator for Trinity*
32 *United Methodist Church for 20 years and the founder of the*
33 *Nontraditional Student Association at Ball State University. She*
34 *was also involved in the campaigns to desegregate Tuhey Pool*
35 *during the 1950s and to end the use of the Confederate flag*



1 *symbols at Southside High School during the 1970s. Muncie's*
2 *Conley Library on Centennial Avenue is named for her;*

3 *Whereas, The following notable African American*
4 *contributors are also trailblazers who paved the way for*
5 *others;*

6 *Whereas, Jesse Nixon was the first African American to*
7 *graduate from Ball State Teachers College in 1925;*

8 *Whereas, Rhonda Roberts was the first African American*
9 *to serve on the Muncie City Council;*

10 *Whereas, Hurley Goodall was one of the first two African*
11 *Americans in the Muncie Fire Department and was elected as*
12 *the first African American member of the Muncie School Board*
13 *in 1970;*

14 *Whereas, In 1960, Anderson High School and Anderson*
15 *College athlete, Nat Johnson, became Anderson High School's*
16 *first African American head coach;*

17 *Whereas, In 1961, Barbara Hilliard of Muncie became the*
18 *first female mail carrier - black or white - in Indiana;*

19 *Whereas, Zebedee Christian became the first black member*
20 *of the Anderson Schools' Board of Trustees in 1968;*

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22 *Whereas, Houston Broadnax became the first African*
23 *American captain in the Anderson Police Department, and*
24 *Amos Cooley became the city's first African American*
25 *firefighter; and*

26 *Whereas, In 1971, Zora Fenner became Anderson's first*
27 *African American principal: Therefore,*

28 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
29 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors the contributions of
2 these individuals on the occasion of Black History Month.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
4 submit copies of this resolution to the families of WaTasha Barnes-
5 Griffin, Terry Whitt Bailey, and Sylvia Bogle, Joyce and Edward
6 Foggs, Vivian Conley, the Madison County Historical Society, and the
7 Archives and Special Collections of the Ball State Bracken Library.

