

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring notable African American men and women in Madison County history.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring notable African
2 American men and women in Madison County history.

3 *Whereas, Madison County's rich history includes the*
4 *achievements of numerous African Americans;*

5 *Whereas, Bonnie White-Collier was raised in Anderson,*
6 *Indiana, and contributed to the accessibility of the Black*
7 *History Month exhibit at the Madison County Historical*
8 *Society, going out of her way to show the positive contributions*
9 *made by Anderson's African American residents;*

10 *Whereas, Johnny Wilson, known as "Jumpin'" Johnny*
11 *Wilson, was a prolific basketball star who led Anderson High*
12 *School's basketball team to the state championship and was*
13 *named Mr. Basketball in 1946, but was denied the opportunity*
14 *to play at Indiana University based on his race, attending*
15 *Anderson University instead, and ultimately going on to play*
16 *basketball with the Harlem Globetrotters;*

17 *Whereas, Reverend Dr. James Earl Massey was appointed*
18 *as the first African American campus minister at Anderson*
19 *University until 1976, then served as the Dean of the School of*



1 *Theology from 1989 to 1995, writing 18 books about preaching*
2 *and was eventually named one of the 25 most influential*
3 *preachers in the past 50 years by Christianity Today;*

4 *Whereas, Dr. James Ellis was the first African American*
5 *doctor in Anderson in the 1800s;*

6 *Whereas, Earline Cameron was the first African American*
7 *teacher in Anderson schools;*

8 *Whereas, Henry Tompkins was the first African American*
9 *to graduate from Anderson High School;*

10 *Whereas, Judge Rudolph Pyle is a current judge who was*
11 *the first black judge in Madison County after he was appointed*
12 *in 2009 and who was later appointed to the Indiana Court of*
13 *Appeals;*

14 *Whereas, Reverend Samuel W.J. Miles was the first black*
15 *lawyer to work in Anderson for an extended period of time in*
16 *the 1930s and 1940s;*

17 *Whereas, Amos Jackson was the first African American to*
18 *be elected to a Madison County office as an at-large member of*
19 *the county council in 1972;*

20 *Whereas, John German was the first African American*
21 *member of the Anderson City Council;*

22 *Whereas, Houston Broadnax was the first African*
23 *American captain in the Anderson Police Department in the*
24 *1970s;*

25 *Whereas, Ike Weatherly was the first African American*
26 *police officer in Anderson, who served as an Anderson*
27 *Redevelopment Commission trustee, and owned the Weatherly*
28 *Gulf Gas Station and Weatherly Funeral Escort Service;*

29 *Whereas, Charles E. Weatherly, the son of Ike Weatherly,*
30 *was a police officer and operated Weatherly City Wrecker,*



1 *Weatherly Auto Sales, Red-D Cab, and Weatherly Tours*
2 *charter bus service;*

3 *Whereas, Shirley Jean Weatherly, the daughter of Ike*
4 *Weatherly, was the Director of the Anderson Housing Authority*
5 *for 30 years, and was the first African American woman to be*
6 *appointed to Anderson's Board of Public Works and chair the*
7 *Community Hospital Board of Directors;*

8 *Whereas, James Warner is a current figure who has*
9 *contributed significantly to the community through hosting*
10 *Thanksgiving dinners for those in need, hosting community*
11 *roundtables and radio programs, and was named The Herald*
12 *Bulletin's 2018 Person of the Year for these efforts; and*

13 *Whereas, These individuals should be recognized and*
14 *lauded for their achievements and contributions to Madison*
15 *County: Therefore,*

16 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
17 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

18 SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate honors
19 notable African American men and women in Madison
20 County history.

