

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the notable African American women in Delaware County history.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1       A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring notable African  
2       American women in Delaware County history.

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

5       *Whereas, Mary Dollison is a teacher who was a co-founder*  
6       *of Motivate Our Minds, Inc., and served on the Whitely*  
7       *Community Council, Ball State University Community*  
8       *Foundation, and has been awarded the Indiana Youth Institute*  
9       *Program Award, Soroptimist International Woman of*  
10       *Distinction Award, Muncie Boys and Girls Club Horatio Alger*  
11       *Award, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Outstanding Citizenship*  
12       *Award, Ball State University Indiana Women of Achievement*  
13       *Award, Mayor's Outstanding Youth Contribution Award, and*  
14       *the Sagamore of the Wabash;*

15       *Whereas, Dr. Dorshale Stewart is an Associate Teaching*  
16       *Professor in the Department of History at Ball State University*  
17       *who teaches social studies teaching methods to the next*  
18       *generation of teachers and has worked with the Schools Within*  
19       *the Context of Community program at the Roy Buley Center in*  
20       *Muncie;*



1       *Whereas, Bea Moten-Foster was a local and national civil*  
2       *rights and media icon who was a former publisher of the*  
3       *Muncie Times newspaper and started the Muncie Coalition of*  
4       *100 Black Women and established the Muncie Black Expo;*

5       *Whereas, Alice McIntosh was the first African American*  
6       *woman to serve on the Muncie City Council;*

7       *Whereas, Michelle Goodall was the first African American*  
8       *woman to be named Homecoming Queen at the Muncie Central*  
9       *High School and went on to attend Ball State University;*

10       *Whereas, Ruthann Kelley Blair was a notable figure in*  
11       *Delaware County as she served as the Deputy Recorder at the*  
12       *Delaware County Courthouse in 1964, was the first African*  
13       *American female employee at the First Merchants Bank,*  
14       *worked at Delco Remy in Anderson, Indiana, and taught at Ivy*  
15       *Tech Community College;*

16       *Whereas, Juanita May Boone Young Settles was an*  
17       *outstanding singer and actress who worked for the Ball family,*  
18       *the Applegate family, and the Abbott Johnson family as a*  
19       *private hostess and who acted in Muncie's Civic Theatre;*

20       *Whereas, Anita Page was born in Muncie, Indiana, and*  
21       *was one of the first African American speech pathologists at the*  
22       *Indiana University Medical Center;*

23       *Whereas, Rosie McCoy was an iconic civil rights leader in*  
24       *Muncie who was the president of the Muncie Chapter of the*  
25       *NAACP and served as a board member of ACTION Inc. of*  
26       *Delaware County;*

27       *Whereas, Ella Keith Woldridge was a 1920s journalist who*  
28       *worked on The Shining Star and the Indianapolis Recorder,*  
29       *emerging in a time of great persecution by the Ku Klux Klan;*

30       *Whereas, Earnestine Cooper was a high school student at*  
31       *Muncie Southside High School who led a group of students in*



1 *1967 to challenge the exclusion of African Americans from*  
 2 *extracurricular activities, and led a separate movement to*  
 3 *remove the Confederate flag from the school's grounds;*

4 *Whereas, Geraldine Findley was the first African American*  
 5 *teacher in Muncie Schools;*

6 *Whereas, Belle Haywood was the first African American*  
 7 *woman to graduate from nursing school at the University of*  
 8 *Michigan and eventually worked as an interpreter for the*  
 9 *German government prior to WWI, until she returned to the*  
 10 *United States to found the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA in Muncie;*  
 11 *and*

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

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

17 SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate honors  
 18 notable African American women in Delaware County  
 19 history.

