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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the life and accomplishments of William G. "Bill" Mays.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the life and accomplishments of William G. "Bill" Mays.

Whereas, William G. "Bill" Mays died in Indianapolis on December 4, 2014, at the age of 69;

Whereas, Bill Mays was a true entrepreneur and became Indiana's most successful black businessman;

Whereas, As an employee of Cummins Engine, Bill Mays had a vision to create an independent business that has grown into one of the nation's largest African American-owned businesses and the largest African American-owned business in Indiana;

Whereas, Bill Mays began Mays Chemical and his chemical empire in 1980, and it has become one of the world's largest chemical distributors;

Whereas, According to a Black Enterprise magazine article in 2011, Mays Chemical ranks as the 22nd-largest black-owned industrial/service company in the nation;

Whereas, In addition to creating his chemical company, Bill Mays also owned a television station and several radio stations at one point;

Whereas, Bill Mays is also credited with saving the Indianapolis Recorder newspaper in the 1990s;



Whereas, Bill Mays also chaired the Hoosier Lottery and was the first African American to chair both the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Central Indiana;

Whereas, Bill Mays invested his resources in our great city but also gave freely of his time to many causes, including Indiana Black Expo, UNCF, and Circle City Classic;

Whereas, Born in Evansville in 1945, Bill Mays held education in very high esteem, giving generously to many educational establishments including his alma mater, Ivy Tech Community College, and the United Negro College Fund;

Whereas, Bill Mays held a B.A. in chemistry and a master's degree in business administration from Indiana University;

Whereas, Bill Mays served on a number of for-profit and nonprofit boards and organizations, including Vectren Corporation, First Indiana Corporation, Anthem Inc., Bank One Indiana, Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, Indiana University Foundation, Indiana University President's Council, and the National Urban League;

Whereas, Bill Mays was a benevolent philanthropist who supported community initiatives; and

Whereas, Bill Mays touched the lives of countless Hoosiers and his contributions to lives of all Hoosiers will be remembered forever: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
2 remember William G. "Bill" Mays for his many accomplishments and
3 contributions to the state of Indiana and its citizens. Bill Mays was a
4 great businessman, mentor, and community leader.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to his wife, Dr. Rose
7 Mays, retired associate dean of community affairs at Indiana
8 University's School of Nursing, and daughters Kristin Mays-Corbitt,



1 president of Mays Chemical, and Heather Mays Woods, an educator.

