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RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION memorializing Marjorie "Margie" Frances Nackenhorst.

Whereas, Known as the unofficial mayor of Garfield Park, Marjorie "Margie" Frances Nackenhorst died recently at the age of 94;

Whereas, Born December 12, 1919, in Frankfort, Margie lobbied for community development that encouraged Indianapolis to conserve and to reinvest in the city's oldest park;

Whereas, Margie was an honorary director of the Friends of Garfield Park, a nonprofit group dedicated to preserving the park and supporting its programs;

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Whereas, Margie had such a great love for Garfield Park partly because the first date with her future husband, John Nackenhorst III, was in Garfield Park;

Whereas, About five years later, the couple moved into a home near the park, where she lived all of her life;

Whereas, Margie worked tirelessly on behalf of Garfield Park; she could often be seen at the dining room table with her typewriter or on the telephone contacting newspaper editors, TV stations, parks board directors, or council members;

Whereas, Margie's work paid off; she was responsible for getting two new tennis courts built in the park and repaving the other six courts, and having lighting installed for all eight courts. She also got a swimming pool repaired;

Whereas, Margie also advocated for a fire station to be built in Garfield Park and worked with the vice division of the city police department to clear the park of teenage cruisers who loitered there, violating park rules and causing traffic jams after dark;

Whereas, Margie also led cleanups in the park, pulling weeds and picking up trash side-by-side with volunteers she recruited;

Whereas, In addition to Garfield Park, Margie felt strongly about working to improve her community and the lives of those who lived there;

Whereas, Margie picketed every Saturday afternoon for more than two years to eliminate an adult bookstore near her home and lobbied against the Sunday sale of liquor and parimutuel betting in the 1970s;

Whereas, She also volunteered with her daughter at the Marion County Children's Guardian Home in Irvington;

Whereas, Active in local politics, Margie was on the slating committee that selected Richard Lugar to run on the



Republican ticket for mayor of Indianapolis in 1967;

Whereas, In his 1968 inaugural speech at Clowes Hall, Richard Lugar nicknamed Margie the "unofficial mayor of Garfield Park"; and

Whereas, Marjorie "Margie" Frances Nackenhorst will always be remembered as a true ambassador of Garfield Park: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives expresses
2 its deepest sympathy to the family of Marjorie "Margie" Frances
3 Nackenhorst and recognizes her many contributions to Garfield Park
4 and the community surrounding it.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the family of
7 Marjorie "Margie" Frances Nackenhorst.

