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2 Heckman.

3 *Whereas, Eugene Joseph Heckman, 80, passed away*
4 *Friday, January 24, 2020, at Parkview Regional Medical*
5 *Center, Fort Wayne;*

6 *Whereas, Heckman served as Thorncreek Township Trustee*
7 *since 1971;*

8 *Whereas, Heckman was born on October 30, 1939, in*
9 *Thorncreek Twp., Whitley County, to Joseph H. and Grace*
10 *Heckman and graduated from Columbia City High School in*
11 *1957 before joining the U.S. Air Force, 122nd Air National*
12 *Guard Unit;*

13 *Whereas, Heckman was deployed to both France and North*
14 *Africa during the time of the Berlin Wall Crisis, and in*
15 *November 1963 was honorably discharged;*

16 *Whereas, Heckman married Karen Rose VanDeman June 21,*
17 *1959, and they called Tri-Lakes their home;*

18 *Whereas, In 1971 he bought his father's company, Heckman's*
19 *Sani-Service, providing solid trash removal, and operated the*
20 *business until he sold it in 1991;*

21 *Whereas, 1971 was the year he was elected Thorncreek*
22 *Township Trustee, finding his calling in life by serving the*
23 *people of the community. He was responsible for the operation*
24 *of the township's public services, including the Thorncreek*



1 *Twp. School, the Fire Department, cemeteries, and poor*
2 *assistance, and was key in the Tri-Lake Regional Sewer*
3 *District;*

4 *Whereas, Heckman served on the Whitley County School*
5 *Board for 24 years;*

6 *Whereas, A founding member of the Tri-Lakes Baptist*
7 *Church, Heckman served as a deacon and superintendent. As*
8 *a member of Gideons International, he helped distribute Bibles*
9 *throughout the area. He was a member of the National Solid*
10 *Waste Association Council for ten years and served as*
11 *President from 1993 to 1994;*

12 *Whereas, His service in government allowed him to meet*
13 *President George W. Bush, Senator Richard Lugar, Governor*
14 *Otis Bowen, Vice-President Dan Quayle, and others;*

15 *Whereas, Heckman is survived by his wife of 60 years, Karen;*
16 *three sons, David Heckman, Daniel Heckman, and Bruce*
17 *Beals; grandchildren, Katrina Straub, Hannah Heckman,*
18 *Moriah Heckman, Jason Shoemaker, Richard Shoemaker, and*
19 *Jaime Pepler; nine great-grandchildren; and a brother, Gary*
20 *Heckman; and*

21 *Whereas, Heckman was preceded in death by a sister,*
22 *Carolyn Boyd, and a great-grandson, Peyton Shoemaker:*
23 *Therefore,*

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

27 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly honors and
28 recognizes Eugene Heckman.

29 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
30 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to
31 Representative Christopher Judy for distribution.

