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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the many  
2 accomplishments of Patricia "Pat" Ann Payne on her 80th  
3 birthday.

4           *Whereas, Patricia Ann Payne was born on January 31, 1941,*  
5 *in Indianapolis to Rufus and Susie Myers, celebrating her 80th*  
6 *birthday this year. She is wife to Jerome, mother to Kristie*  
7 *King, and grandmother to Michael Jr. and Myles;*

8           *Whereas, She attended Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS)*  
9 *from kindergarten through 12th grade, earned her Bachelor's*  
10 *Degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, received her*  
11 *Master's Degree and Administrative License from IUPUI, and*  
12 *was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from*  
13 *Martin University in Indianapolis;*

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1        *Whereas, Patricia worked in Indianapolis Public Schools*  
 2        *from 1962 to the present day, working as a second grade*  
 3        *teacher from 1962 to 1987, as director of the IPS Crispus*  
 4        *Attucks Center from 1962 to 2014, and now as director of the*  
 5        *IPS Racial Equity Office and the Crispus Attucks Museum. She*  
 6        *was named IPS Teacher of the Year in 1984 and was a finalist*  
 7        *for the 1985 State Teacher of the Year;*

8        *Whereas, She has received the following local, state, and*  
 9        *national awards: NAACP Education Award, Excellence Award*  
 10       *from the Division of Equal Opportunity for the City of*  
 11       *Indianapolis, Outstanding Woman of the Year Award from the*  
 12       *Center for Leadership and Development, Breakthrough Woman*  
 13       *Award from the Coalition of 100 Black Women, the 1994 Black*  
 14       *Woman of the Year Award from Asiatic Productions,*  
 15       *Indianapolis Education Association's Human Rights Award,*  
 16       *Center for Leadership and Development's Distinguished Award*  
 17       *in Education, Indiana State Teacher Association's Pacesetters*  
 18       *Award, Exemplary Teacher recognition from the Education*  
 19       *Commission of the States, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Education*  
 20       *Award, Stacey Toran Foundation's 2002 Achievement in*  
 21       *Education Award, Diversity Torchbearer Award from the*  
 22       *African Community International Center, Diamond Award from*  
 23       *the Indiana Chapter of 100 Black Men, YWCA Women of*  
 24       *Achievement Phyllis Wheatley Award, Martin Luther King Jr.*  
 25       *Human Rights Award for Leadership in Education from the*  
 26       *Indianapolis Education Association, Lifetime Achievement*  
 27       *Award from the Indianapolis Professional Association,*  
 28       *"Putting Your Faith on the Line" Award and "Educational*  
 29       *Excellence" Award from the Indiana Black Expo, Living*  
 30       *Legend Award from Community Action of Greater*  
 31       *Indianapolis, Senator Julia Carson Community Service Award*  
 32       *at Crown Hill Cemetery's Black History Celebration of*  
 33       *Excellence, Distinguished Alumni Award from Indiana*  
 34       *University, Sagamore of the Wabash from the State of Indiana,*  
 35       *Trailblazer Award from the Kennedy King Memorial Initiative,*  
 36       *Champions of Diversity Award from the Indianapolis*  
 37       *Recorder/Minority Business Magazine, IUPUI Spirit of*  
 38       *Philanthropy Award, Hoosier Heritage Award, I Am Black*  
 39       *History Award from the Indiana Conference Lay Male Chorus,*  
 40       *Indiana Women Warriors Award from the Indianapolis Chapter*  
 41       *of the Links, Inc., and both the H. Council Trenholm Civil and*



1 *Human Rights Award and the Carter G. Woodson Award from*  
2 *the National Education Association (NEA);*

3 *Whereas, Patricia has been honored and recognized by the*  
4 *following groups: Indiana Civil Rights Commission for Best*  
5 *Practices in the field of Multicultural Education, Muncie,*  
6 *Indiana Chapter of the Black Expo and given a key to the city*  
7 *by the Mayor's office, Martin Luther King Institute for Social*  
8 *Change, National Council of Negro Women, Madame C.J.*  
9 *Walker Chapter of the Negro Business and Professional*  
10 *Women's Club, Inc., National Council of Negro Women*  
11 *Indianapolis Section, and the Circle City Frontiers*  
12 *International;*

13 *Whereas, She has received opportunities to travel to Brazil,*  
14 *Israel, Palestine, Nigeria, and Egypt for study, and she has*  
15 *represented the NEA in Botswana and at the International*  
16 *Conference of Teachers in Canada;*

17 *Whereas, Patricia has been appointed to the Flanner House*  
18 *Board of Directors, the Martin University Board of Trustees,*  
19 *Indiana University School of Education Alumni Board,*  
20 *Indianapolis Public Library Board of Trustees, CICF Advisory*  
21 *Council, and Diversity Leadership Academy, and she was*  
22 *appointed Commissioner on the Teacher Education Licensing*  
23 *Study Committee by Governor Evan Bayh in 1989. She was*  
24 *chosen to represent the NEA on the National Teachers Exam*  
25 *Policy Council and the National Council of Accreditation for*  
26 *Teacher Education. She was one of four teachers nominated by*  
27 *the State Department of Education and selected as one of 56*  
28 *teachers nationwide to participate in a National Teachers*  
29 *Forum sponsored by the Education Commission of the States;*

30 *Whereas, She has served as an educational consultant to the*  
31 *National Association of Multicultural Education, the*  
32 *Underground Railroad Freedom Curriculum Project, the*  
33 *Family Advocacy Center, AmeriCorps, the Hoosier Girl Scout*  
34 *Council, Indiana State University, Teach for America, and*  
35 *many others, and she has served as a professional development*  
36 *consultant for the Indiana State Museum, the Veteran's*  
37 *Administration Medical Center, and Central State University*  
38 *Institute of Urban Education in Ohio;*



1        *Whereas, Patricia has presented at numerous conferences,*  
 2 *programs, school districts, and universities, including:*  
 3 *University of Pittsburgh, Central State University, Palm Beach*  
 4 *County, Florida, the National Association for Multicultural*  
 5 *Education, the National Alliance of Black School Educators,*  
 6 *Indiana Commission on Civil Rights, University of Michigan*  
 7 *Journal of Race & Law, Butler University's Diversity Initiative*  
 8 *Group, Indiana Consortium of State, Local Human Rights*  
 9 *Agencies, and Cathedral High School, as well as many others;*

10        *Whereas, She has served as chair, co-chair, committee*  
 11 *member, board member, or trustee of many organizations*  
 12 *around the country, including: Indianapolis Public Library,*  
 13 *Madame C.J. Walker Theatre Center, the Indiana Education*  
 14 *Committee of the Indianapolis Commission on African*  
 15 *American Males, the National Association for Multicultural*  
 16 *Education, Indianapolis Museum of Art, African American*  
 17 *History Challenge program, Indianapolis Children's Choir*  
 18 *Harmony Chorus, the Peace Learning Center, St. Mary of the*  
 19 *Woods College, Indianapolis Education Association, Indiana*  
 20 *State Teachers Association, Indiana State Teachers Association*  
 21 *Instruction and Professional Development Committee, NEA's*  
 22 *Black Caucus, NEA Minority Affairs Committee, NEA Civil*  
 23 *Rights Committee, and NEA Board of Directors;*

24        *Whereas, Patricia has directed programs and activities for*  
 25 *the IPS school district, including Racial Equity training since*  
 26 *2015, the 34th Annual Multicultural Festival, the 24th Annual*  
 27 *Spirit of Freedom for IPS 5th graders, and the 39th annual*  
 28 *televised tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and she served*  
 29 *as moderator for the IPS television show Multicultural Points*  
 30 *and Perspectives; and*

31        *Whereas, She is a certified trainer for the Respecting Ethnic*  
 32 *and Cultural Heritage program, certified administrator for the*  
 33 *Intercultural Development Inventory, and a member of Alpha*  
 34 *Kappa Alpha Sorority: Therefore,*

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

37        SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives



1 honors Patricia Anne Payne for her many accomplishments,  
2 dedication to education and children, and service to the  
3 community.

4 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
5 wishes her well on her 80th birthday and many more.

6 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
7 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to  
8 Representative Cherrish Pryor for distribution.

