

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Brown C

A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the accomplishments of Karen Freeman-Wilson.

Whereas, Karen Freeman-Wilson has served the state of Indiana and the city of Gary in many ways;

Whereas, Karen has served as an attorney, judge, state Attorney General, and mayor of Gary;

Whereas, Born in Gary on October 24, 1960, Karen Freeman-Wilson was valedictorian of her graduating class at Roosevelt High School and an honors graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School;

Whereas, On December 31, 2011, Karen Freeman-Wilson became the first woman mayor of Gary and the first African-American female mayor in Indiana;

Whereas, While serving as Indiana's Attorney General,



Karen Freeman-Wilson fought for youth, seniors, and abused nursing home patients, and was one of the first Attorneys General in the country to combat gas price gouging and to ensure that tobacco settlement dollars were directed toward smoking cessation and health care;

Whereas, While she was serving as the Executive Director of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, our state became one of the first to pass legislation comparable to the Americans with Disabilities Act;

Whereas, Recognized by national leadership, Karen Freeman-Wilson was named one of the top 100 individuals to watch by the National Democratic Leadership Council and was asked to address the 2000 National Democratic Convention in Los Angeles; and

Whereas, Karen Freeman-Wilson has served her country and her state with honor and distinction: 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
2 acknowledges the many contributions of Karen Freeman-Wilson to her
3 country, her state, and her community.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Karen
6 Freeman-Wilson.

