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

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*Introduced by: Forestal, Errington, Wright*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION memorializing Robert and  
2           Virginia Mercer.

3           *Whereas, Robert Mercer died on April 1, 2015, at the age*  
4           *of 91, and Virginia Mercer, passed away on May 12, 2016, at*  
5           *the age of 92;*

6           *Whereas, Together for 67 years, Robert and Virginia*  
7           *Mercer lived lives devoted to public service;*

8           *Whereas, Robert Mercer was born in Bloomington on June*  
9           *28, 1923, and graduated from Bloomington High School in*  
10          *1941;*

11          *Whereas, Virginia Mercer was born on June 23, 1923, in*  
12          *Petersburg and graduated from Princeton High School and*

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1 *Ball Memorial School of Practical Nursing;*

2 *Whereas, Robert and Virginia both proudly served their*  
3 *country in the armed forces with Robert serving in the United*  
4 *States Army 8th Air Force from 1943 to 1945, earning the rank*  
5 *of sergeant, and Virginia serving in the United States Navy as*  
6 *part of the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service*  
7 *program (WAVES) during World War II;*

8 *Whereas, Robert Mercer devoted his entire life to serving*  
9 *others by protecting people and working to make the world a*  
10 *better place;*

11 *Whereas, Robert entered the field of law enforcement*  
12 *becoming a sergeant with the Indiana State Police, retiring in*  
13 *1969;*

14 *Whereas, Not one to be idle, Robert became chief deputy*  
15 *for Sheriff James P. Carey, joined the staff of the Delaware*  
16 *County prosecutor's office, and worked two years for the*  
17 *Delaware County assessor's office;*

18 *Whereas, Virginia worked as a nurse for over 20 years;*

19 *Whereas, Extremely active in their community, Robert and*  
20 *Virginia gave of themselves freely and often;*

21 *Whereas, Virginia served for over 20 years on the*  
22 *Yorktown Town Council, was appointed to the Executive*  
23 *Committee and Site Selection Committee for the Indiana*  
24 *Association of Cities and Towns, was on the board of Wright*  
25 *Memorial Library, and was a founding member of the Yorktown*  
26 *Public Library, continuing to serve as a library board member*  
27 *for many years;*

28 *Whereas, Robert was a member of Yorktown United*  
29 *Methodist Church, the Methodist Men's Group, and the*  
30 *Yorktown Lions Club; and*

31 *Whereas, Robert and Virginia Mercer lived their lives in*  
32 *blissful togetherness with great love and compassion:*  
33 *Therefore,*



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

3                    SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana House of  
4                    Representatives wish to express their gratitude for the many  
5                    contributions made by Robert and Virginia Mercer during their lives.

6                    SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
7                    Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of  
8                    Robert and Virginia Mercer.

