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Whereas, Pfizer, Inc., a research-based, global pharmaceutical company that discovers and develops innovative, value-added products that improve the quality of life of people around the world and help them enjoy longer, healthier, and more productive lives, is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding;

Whereas, Pfizer's history is one of innovation and adventure, of risks taken and bold decisions made. It is a story of people dedicated to building a great company with a noble purpose and of helping people live longer, healthier lives. Furthermore, it is the chronicle of a small chemical firm started in Brooklyn, New York, that has become one of the world's premier pharmaceutical enterprises;

Whereas, Pfizer, Inc. has developed an unrivaled stable of exceptional medicines for a wide range of medical conditions, a product pipeline second to none, and established a position as a health care partner of choice;

Whereas, From the first Pfizer innovation to the high-performance medicines of today, throughout its 150 years Pfizer has been driven by pioneers, people who were willing to take risks to make the advances that made history;

Whereas, Whether it was crossing an ocean to establish a new company, putting personal assets at stake in a high-risk effort to produce the world's first antibiotic, or pouring



resources into decades of research to deliver unique medical advances, Pfizer's pioneering spirit has kept it on the frontier of medicine;

Whereas, Today, the company spends nearly \$2.5 billion annually on research and development in a wide range of challenging medical fields, including drugs to treat anxiety, arthritis, asthma, cancer, diabetes, infections, migraine, obesity, osteoporosis, pain, and stroke;

Whereas, From scientists to manufacturing line workers, from New York headquarters to Terre Haute manufacturing and research facilities to recently opened offices in Israel, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam, Pfizer employees, entrusted with a unique and proud heritage, go to work each day dedicated to helping people and their animal companions live healthier and better lives;

Whereas, Research labs have come a long way since the days of Pfizer, Inc. founders Charles Pfizer and Charles Erhart;

Whereas, In labs where a lone scientist once toiled with primitive equipment, teams of researchers now use new technologies such as computer simulations of drug molecules, robotics, and 3-D chromatography to design and test new drug candidates at remarkable speeds;

Whereas, Where researchers once relied on trial and error to find chemicals that had a desired effect, today they can design new drugs to fit selected targets. Where the goal was once limited to interventions to manage or treat disease, researchers are now decoding the underlying genetic causes of disease, a quantum leap that will usher in new generations of cures;

Whereas, One of the most important research techniques now widely used throughout the pharmaceutical industry was pioneered in Pfizer's labs;

Whereas, The company's many decades of research has enabled it to compile a vast library of chemical compounds;



Whereas, For years, it was all but impossible for Pfizer's researchers to take full advantage of this impressive collection, since it would literally take them years using traditional methods to screen these compounds against a given disease target;

Whereas, In the 1990s, under the leadership of Chairman William C. Steere, Jr., Pfizer has become one of the world's most admired companies by focusing on what it does best -- discovering, developing, and marketing innovative pharmaceuticals that help people enjoy longer and healthier lives and health products for pets and livestock;

Whereas, Through strategic divestment and investment, Pfizer enters the 21st century stronger than it has ever been and ready to push the frontier of medicine farther than ever before;

Whereas, This year, America's largest and best known charity, The United Way of America, awarded Pfizer its Spirit of America Award, the recognition given annually to a single company for outstanding philanthropic and community programs;

Whereas, In keeping with a quarter of a century of organized giving at Pfizer, the 1995 United Way Campaign at Pfizer raised more than \$11 million, which continues Pfizer's record as one of the largest per capita corporate United Way contributors in the nation;

Whereas, Pfizer stands out not only within our industry but also among businesses of every description and size; and

Whereas, Pfizer's monetary support of the United Way is just the beginning. Pfizer employees log countless hours as volunteer tutors, coaches, mentors, fund-raisers, and board members with United Way agencies nationwide and have initiated programs such as Sharing The Care, where Pfizer has provided prescription drugs to community health centers serving the indigent and working poor: Therefore,



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

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates
2 Pfizer, Inc. on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its founding.
3 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes Pfizer
4 as an outstanding corporate citizen.
5 SECTION 3. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses its
6 sincere gratitude for its corporate contribution to charity and to the
7 well-being of the citizens of the state of Indiana and the world.
8 SECTION 4. That the Indiana General Assembly commends Pfizer
9 for living up to its motto, "Life is our Life's work" and for its dedication
10 toward helping humanity through the discovery, development, and
11 provision of innovative health care products that lead to healthier and
12 more productive lives.
13 SECTION 5. That the principal clerk of the House of
14 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to William C. Steere,
15 Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Pfizer, Inc.

