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*Whereas, Robert D. Orr, Indiana's 45th governor, was a man of the people, rising from the ranks in the Republican Party to become the governor of this great state;*

*Whereas, During his two terms in office, Governor Orr made education and economic development the cornerstones of his administration;*

*Whereas, Governor Orr began many educational reforms during his tenure, including "Primetime", a state funded program that reduces class sizes in the early grades, mandatory competency testing and remediation, programs for gifted and talented students, and an incentive pay program for teachers;*

*Whereas, During Governor Orr's time in office, Indiana enjoyed its strongest economic recovery in 40 years;*

*Whereas, Governor Orr initiated reforms in state banking laws and began regulating utilities, welfare administration, prisons, and the mental health system;*

*Whereas, A strong environmental proponent, Governor Orr implemented improvements in the environmental protection system;*



*Whereas, In addition to serving our state as governor, Robert D. Orr was a state senator and served two terms as lieutenant governor;*

*Whereas, In 1976, in his capacity as lieutenant governor, Robert Orr, along with the department of commerce's division of agriculture, created a statewide program called the Hoosier Homestead Award, a program that recognizes farms that have been owned by the same family for 100 years or more;*

*Whereas, A sixth generation Hoosier from Evansville, Indiana, Governor Orr is a 1940 graduate of Yale University and attended Harvard Graduate School of Business before the outbreak of World War II;*

*Whereas, Governor Orr holds honorary doctorates from Indiana University, the University of Evansville, the University of Southern Indiana, Hanover College, Butler University, Indiana State University, and Vincennes University;*

*Whereas, During World War II, Governor Orr served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific theater, rising from the rank of private to major;*

*Whereas, Governor Orr was awarded the Legion of Merit for his outstanding service during World War II;*

*Whereas, A businessman and industrialist most of his life, Governor Orr held offices on many national boards and was chairman of the Indiana Industries, Inc., of Evansville, Indiana, president of the Council of State Governments, a member of the steering committee of the Education Commission of the States, chairman of the National Governors Association Transportation and Commerce Committee, a member of the Amtrak board of directors, a member of U.S. Department of Education Secretary William Bennett's study group on elementary education where he was the only governor on the committee, and served as ambassador to Singapore from 1989 to 1992; and*



*Whereas, Under the guidance of Governor Orr, the state of Indiana prospered: 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, in honor of all the
- 2           contributions Governor Robert D. Orr has made to the state of Indiana
- 3           and its citizens, urges the Indiana department of transportation to
- 4           rename the vehicular traffic corridor extending from West Street to
- 5           Senate Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana, between the Indiana
- 6           Government Center-North and the Indiana Government Center-South
- 7           as "Robert D. Orr Boulevard."
- 8           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 9           Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to former Governor
- 10          Robert D. Orr, his wife Josie, and their three children, and to the
- 11          commissioner of the Indiana department of transportation.

