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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Turner

A RESOLUTION urging the Indiana department of transportation to name a section of State Road 22 and U.S. Highway 35 between Interstate 69 and State Road 9 in honor of Eugene Linn, mayor of Gas City, Indiana.

Whereas, Mayor Eugene Linn has served Gas City, Indiana, for over 32 years, making him the longest serving mayor currently in office in the state of Indiana;

Whereas, Mayor Linn is currently serving his ninth term of office;

Whereas, Mayor Linn's political career had a somewhat rocky beginning;

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Whereas, Mayor Linn won his first election in 1967 in a recount with an 86 vote margin;

Whereas, Mayor Linn was reelected in 1999 with 74% of the vote;

Whereas, In his first election, Mayor Linn campaigned on the issue of building a community swimming pool and a city park, and immediately after winning the election, he set out to fulfill his promise;

Whereas, Before Linn's first two terms were completed, Gas City's Mississinewa Community Park was open to the public, and the construction of a new public swimming pool was completed;

Whereas, One of the greatest accomplishments of Mayor Linn's terms in office occurred after the community's two largest employers closed their doors in the early 1980s;

Whereas, Mayor Linn immediately began rebuilding the infrastructure of Gas City, including extending utilities from the edge of town to Interstate 69, 2 1/2 miles away, thereby insuring the city's economic future;

Whereas, Since the devastating job losses of the early '80s, over 1,000 jobs have been added to Gas City's economy;

Whereas, Mayor Linn's vision, leadership, ability to provide opportunities for recreational enjoyment, and willingness to recruit prospective employers have made the Gas City community a better place to live, work, and raise a family;

Whereas, Politics, however, is only a small part of the man known in Gas City as "Beaner";

Whereas, Gene was born May 15, 1934, to Walter and Anna Linn;

Whereas, Gene grew up on the tough south side of Gas City, the son of two factory workers who had to work very hard just to provide for their children;

Whereas, Competitive by nature, Gene was a four letter



winner in high school and president of his class at Mississinewa High School;

Whereas, In November 1952, Gene married Janice Johnson, and together they have five children: Kem, David, Mickey, Linda, and Jamie;

Whereas, Gene worked as a machinist at RCA for 11 years, owned and operated Linn's Standard Service for eight years, and was president of Cubberly's, a wholesale distributor of candy, tobacco, and institutional supplies;

Whereas, Mayor Linn was a high school and college basketball referee for 27 years, was president of the Mississinewa Valley officials' association, and officiated four IHSA basketball state finals and two championship games;

Whereas, Mayor Linn was president of the Jonesboro Park Board in 1963 and a member of the Mississinewa School Board from 1960-1967;

Whereas, Mayor Linn has also served as president and board member of the Marion General Hospital board of trustees, president and board member of the Indiana Wholesale Distributors Association, and served on the board of directors of the American Bank and Trust Company; and

Whereas, Mayor Linn's imprint and personal involvement is in all of Gas City's progress over the past 32 years, especially the development along State Road 22 to Interstate 69. It is fitting that the proper signage be placed along State Road 22 and U.S. Highway 35 between Interstate 69 and State Road 9 designating the highway as the "Eugene Linn Highway" in honor of the mayor of Gas City: Therefore,

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

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana
- 2 department of transportation to name the section of State Road 22 and
- 3 U.S. Highway 35 between Interstate 69 and State Road 9 in honor of
- 4 Gene Linn, mayor of Gas City, Indiana.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of



1 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Mayor Gene Linn;
2 his wife and children; his brother, Don Linn; his sisters, Jo Ann Frame
3 and Wava Cooper; the members of the Gas City city council; and the
4 commissioner of the Indiana department of transportation.

