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Whereas, James L. Sears was the first African-American to wear the uniform of an Indiana State Police Trooper, but he was much more;

Whereas, James Sears, a man who cared deeply about his community, his family, and his friends, will be remembered as a man of quiet dignity;

Whereas, James Sears will be remembered as a man who was often forced to endure belittlement and unkind treatment from his fellow officers;

Whereas, James Sears persevered, and many others have benefitted from the shining example he set;

Whereas, James Sears served on the Indiana State Police force for 30 years, acting as bodyguard to Governor Otis R. Bowen and state legislators from 1977 to 1980;

Whereas, Upon retirement from the Indiana State Police, James Sears returned to school and obtained his bachelor's degree in Sociology from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and went to work for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles;

Whereas, James Sears was an involved member of his community, serving as a member and vice president of the Tuskegee Airmen, Indianapolis Chapter and as a 25 year



member of the Flanner House of Indianapolis Foundation where he served as secretary of the board of directors, volunteer, and faithful supporter; and

Whereas, The death of James L. Sears on January 1, 2003, removed the source of a brilliant light from the lives of countless Hoosiers: 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 wishes to express
- 2 its deepest sympathy to the family of James L. Sears and to
- 3 commemorate his life and recognize his efforts in opening the doors of
- 4 the Indiana State Police to all African-Americans.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of
- 7 James L. Sears and the Indiana State Police Superintendent.

