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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. 35**

Introduced by: Welch, Denbo, Chowning

A RESOLUTION memorializing Russell L. Basye.

Whereas, Russell L. Basye died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 46 on Saturday, December 6, 2003;

Whereas, Russell's deep compassion for his family, friends, and community was demonstrated by his dedication to his position on the Bloomfield Town Council and his involvement in many other community organizations;

Whereas, Russell, a Democrat, never let politics influence his decisions;

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Whereas, Russell, in a bipartisan move, recruited Eric Harrah and Gary Swinney, both Republicans, to run for the Bloomfield Town Council;

Whereas, During his tenure as councilman, Russell had many accomplishments to be proud of, including the completion of a \$2.6 million wastewater treatment plant, upgrades to the town storm sewers, extensive renovation of the town park, and the upgrade of town street equipment, which enabled Bloomfield to do much of the street work instead of using contractors, a move that will save the town thousands of dollars;

Whereas, In addition to his work on the Bloomfield Town Council, Russell was involved in many other community organizations: the Bloomfield Apple Festival, Inc., Bloomfield Masonic Lodge No. 84, the Greene County Emergency Management Advisory Council, the Greene County Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Greene County Shrine Club, the Terre Haute Zorah Shrine Club, the Bloomfield Order of the Eastern Star, and the Worthington American Legion Post Sons of the American Legion;

Whereas, Russell was an active member of the Bloomfield Christian Church, where he held several leadership positions over the years;

Whereas, Russell, a 1975 graduate of Bloomfield High School, worked as an HVAC service technician at Branstetter-Pullen Heating and Air-Conditioning for more than 26 years; and

Whereas, Russell was a dedicated public servant who devoted his life to the betterment of the citizens of his community, and his death will leave a void that is impossible to fill: Therefore,

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



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives conveys
2 its deep feeling of loss to the family of Russell L. Basye and
3 acknowledges the many contributions Russell made to the community
4 of Bloomfield and the surrounding area. Russell will be deeply missed
5 by his family, friends, and community.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the family of
8 Russell L. Basye and the Bloomfield Town Council members.

