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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Whereas, Paul Oakes is the first and number one fan of the Indianapolis Colts;

Whereas, An Anderson native and a player in the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball organization, Paul Oakes made the telephone call that forever changed the future of Indianapolis;

Whereas, As chairman of the Stadium Commission seeking to bring a National Football League team to Indianapolis in 1977, Paul Oakes was asked to contact Colts owner Robert Irsay to see if there was interest in moving the team to Indianapolis;

Whereas, As a life insurance salesman, Paul Oakes was used to making "cold calls", but he was not prepared for Robert Irsay's positive response;

Whereas, That one phone call set into motion a years-long effort to bring the Colts to Indianapolis;

Whereas, Accompanied by Mayor William Hudnut, Frank McKinney, Jr., chairman of a major Indianapolis bank, and Jim Morris, vice president of Lilly Endowment, Paul Oakes headed to Skokie, Illinois, to meet with Robert Irsay;

Whereas, Although the Colts' move to Indianapolis would not happen until 1984, it was the efforts of Paul Oakes that



made it happen;

Whereas, Governor Mitch Daniels describes Paul Oakes as "the perfect example of the public citizen who accomplishes great things for his town, city, or state without holding office or seeking glory"; and

Whereas, Paul Oakes worked diligently to bring professional sports to Indianapolis and helped change the city forever: 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 thanks Paul Oakes
2 for his years of dedicated service to the city of Indianapolis and the
3 state of Indiana. The efforts of Paul Oakes resulted in bringing the
4 Colts to Indianapolis and establishing the city as a rising star in the
5 sports world.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Paul Oakes and his
8 family.

