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“Caroline Scott Harrison” Indiana State Historical Marker Will Be Dedicated in Indianapolis, Indiana

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker commemorating First Lady Caroline Scott Harrison is scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2017. The marker dedication will begin at 1:30 p.m. in front of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site at 1230 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46202. Parking is available along Delaware St. and the nearby side streets.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “First Lady Caroline Scott Harrison / First President General NSDAR”:

Caroline Scott Harrison (1832-1892), wife of President Benjamin Harrison, advocated for the arts and worked to expand women’s influence outside the home. She was active in charity work in Indiana and Washington, D.C., including 30 years on the Indianapolis Orphans Asylum board of managers. She campaigned to gain women’s admission to Johns Hopkins Medical School, 1890. As First Lady (1889-1892), Harrison promoted preserving the White House and its collections. She secured congressional funding to direct renovations modernizing the interior, saved historic furnishings, and founded the White House China Collection. She served as first President General of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution from 1890 until death.

The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony for this Indiana state historical marker that celebrates Caroline Harrison’s contributions as First Lady and First President General of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The marker provides an opportunity to commemorate women’s history in the state and the nation. Special guests at the ceremony will include staff of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site and members of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Attendees can tour the gardens and house following the dedication ceremony.

The Indiana Historical Bureau (IHB) oversees the state historical marker program. State historical markers commemorate significant individuals, organizations, places, and events in Indiana history. These markers help communities throughout the state promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Since 1946, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. Over 600 of these markers have been installed over the years.

For more information about the Indiana Historical Marker Program and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau’s website at <http://www.IN.gov/history> or call (317) 232-2535. For more information about the marker dedication ceremony, please contact Jennifer Capps, VP of Curatorship & Exhibition at the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site at jcapps@bhpsite.org. To learn more about Caroline Scott Harrison, see Blogging Hoosier History’s article entitled “‘Underrated’ First Lady Caroline Scott Harrison: Advocate for the Arts, Women’s Interests, and Preservation of the White House.”