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Mae Dickinson

Indianapolis, Marion County

February 8, 1933 – January 17, 2017

Born in Mounds City, Indiana, Mae Dickinson served in the Indiana House of Representatives for over a decade, representing Indiana's 95th House District on Indianapolis' northeast side from 38th Street to just north of Fort Harrison State Park from 1993 to 2007.

During her tenure at the Indiana General Assembly, one of her primary goals was to protect children, wanting to make sure they were safe. She served on the Governor's Commission on Abused and Neglected Children and Their Families and sponsored legislation aimed at protecting children, including a 1997 bill that would include a criminal history check for regular and contracted school employees with ongoing contact with students. The bill was proposed after five IPS bus drivers were disciplined for failing criminal background checks. Other issues she fought for included kinship care and protecting victims of domestic battery.

Mae Dickinson died on January 17, 2017. In a statement following her death, State Rep. Cherrish Pryor, D-Indianapolis, chair of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus, said that whatever cause she championed was “marked by her determination to do what was right and her unwillingness to back down in the face of great odds”.

- For more information about Mae Dickinson, go to: <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/2017/01/17/former-state-rep-mae-dickinson-dies-83/96689702/>.
- For more information about *Writing Her Story*, go to: <http://www.in.gov/icw/2440.htm>.

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