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RESOLUTION 02-2023

***A RESOLUTION OF
THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, INDIANA
HONORING COMMON COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT MICHAEL “Mike” WALTER***

SUMMARY

This resolution calls for the honoring of Mr. Robert Michael “Mike” Walter for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Auburn, Indiana, and to the Auburn Common Council.

_____ Recorder Office

_____ Publish Public Hearing

_____ Auditor Office

_____ Publish O/R after adoption

_____ County Clerk Office

_____ Other:

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HONORING COMMON COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT MICHAEL “Mike” WALTER

WHEREAS, Robert Michael “Mike” Walter, passed away on January 28, 2023, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter was born and raised in the City of Auburn, Indiana, and graduated from Auburn High School in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter attended and graduated with a degree in government from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter served in the Peace Corps serving in Utah, Arizona, and Quebec Canada in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter was a member of the United States Department of State (107th Foreign Service Class) from 1973 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, following the Peace Corps service, Mike Walter continued his education graduating from John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter later graduated from Indiana University School of Law in 1979 and was admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1980, where he remained a member in good standing the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter was a Democratic Precinct Committee Member since 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter was elected to the Auburn Common Council in 1992 and served until 1999; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 Mike Walter ran against Norman Yoder for Mayor of Auburn and was defeated; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 Councilman Walter regained his seat on the Auburn Common Council, a position he held for the next 20 consecutive years becoming one of the longest, if not the longest tenured member of the Auburn Common Council; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter always maintained an independent and conscientious voice on the Auburn Common Council; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter served the Citizens of District 5 loyally as a member of the Auburn Common Council; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter authored a model wetlands ordinance and took great pride in protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter enjoyed riding his bicycle and engaging constituents throughout his district; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter always advocated for those in his Auburn Council District 5 in an effort to make lives better for his constituents; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter was a learned individual who enjoyed and engaged in increasing his knowledge in a variety of subjects throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Mike Walter was an animal lover and cared for many cats over the years, showing great compassion and care for all felines under his watch; and

WHEREAS, Robert Michael “Mike” Walter has performed his services for the City of Auburn zealously with great passion and dedication as a member of the Auburn City Common Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Auburn, DeKalb County, and State of Indiana:

That Robert Michael “Mike” Walter is hereby mourned, loved, and honored for his tremendous contributions to the City of Auburn and the Auburn City Common Council, and for an outstanding lifelong service to the community.

That this Resolution shall memorialize the service of Council Member Walter on behalf of the citizens of Auburn.

That Mike lived a life of service, and his hand shall now and forever touch the face of God.

Be it Further Resolved that the Common Council of the City of Auburn, Indiana, desires for the Community to recognize Councilman Walter, and to extend our deepest heartfelt gratitude, condolences, and prayers to his friends, family, and constituents and to the many feline members of his family of whom he cared for so deeply.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Auburn, Indiana, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

JAMES FINCHUM Councilmember

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Auburn, Indiana, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

PATRICIA M. MILLER, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AND SIGNED by me this ____ day of _____, 2023.

MICHAEL D. LEY, Mayor

VOTING:

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Natalie DeWitt, President

James Finchum

Dennis Ketzenberger

Dennis K Kruse II

Kevin Webb

David Bundy

R. Michael Walter

In memorial: Unseen, Unheard, But Always Near