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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Garcia Wilburn, Lopez

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION celebrating the 50th anniversary
2 of the City of Carmel and the Carmel City Council.

3 *Whereas, Carmel's transition to a city began with a pivotal*
4 *vote by residents in November 1974, following state legislation*
5 *that allowed towns to be designated fourth-class cities. After*
6 *the first municipal election in 1975, the inaugural council*
7 *members took their seats exactly 50 years ago on January 5;*

8 *Whereas, On January 5, 2026, the Carmel City Council*
9 *recognized the inaugural Common Council's seven members,*
10 *including David Coots, Dr. Walter Dean, Minnie Doane, James*
11 *Garretson, Stan Meacham, Jane Reiman, and Fred Swift;*

12 *Whereas, These original councilors played a crucial role*
13 *during the City of Carmel's critical transition years,*
14 *establishing essential services and infrastructure that*

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1 *facilitated its growth and paved the way for it to become the*
2 *thriving city it is today;*

3 *Whereas, The City of Carmel had a population of 13,500 at*
4 *the time of its incorporation and, as of the 2020 census, 99,757;*

5 *Whereas, Carmel is consistently ranked among the best*
6 *places to live in the United States, and this year it is ranked*
7 *number two by U.S. News and World Report. The city also has*
8 *one of the best public school corporations in the state;*

9 *Whereas, The City of Carmel attributes its success to its*
10 *walkability, focus on robust parks and green spaces, and the*
11 *development of its city center, including the \$80 million Center*
12 *for the Performing Arts;*

13 *Whereas, Along with infrastructure investments, Carmel has*
14 *also invested in businesses, attracting around 130 corporate*
15 *headquarters; and*

16 *Whereas, The City of Carmel continues to be one of the best*
17 *places to live and raise a family in both Indiana and the United*
18 *States, thanks to the efforts of the original Carmel City Council*
19 *and all who have served since: Therefore,*

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

22 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
23 celebrates the 50th anniversary of the City of Carmel's
24 incorporation and the creation of the Carmel City Council.

25 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
26 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
27 Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn for distribution.

