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Whereas, Jim Graham was presented with the Passing the Torch Award by Governor Mitch Daniels and Clayton A. Graham, Esq. during the Indianapolis Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebration;

Whereas, The Passing the Torch Award is presented annually to individuals that encourage today's youth to become involved with the fight for freedom and equality of all people;

Whereas, Mr. Graham was honored for his commitment to helping children from various races and nationalities gain access to quality and equitable healthcare. Working in conjunction with Rotary International since 1992, Mr. Graham has saved the lives of one hundred fourteen children;

Whereas, Mr. Graham has worked to find funding and medical treatment for life-saving surgeries for children from around the world ranging in age from twenty four days to seventeen years;

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Whereas, In addition to raising financial assistance for patients and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Graham have hosted nearly fifteen children while they were here in Indiana receiving surgery and treatment;

Whereas, During his humble acceptance speech Mr. Graham remarked he just wants to help children and hopes other countries will see Americans helping save underprivileged children in an effort to further world peace. Mr. Graham also stated this award is his highest honor next to his marriage certificate;

Whereas, In addition to Rotary, Mr. Graham has made numerous other contributions to his community. He achieved the rank of Life Scout and has been involved with Boy Scouting in various capacities over the years. He has served with numerous civic and religious organizations including Hendricks County YMCA Advisory committee, Chair of Evangelism at Lizton United Methodist Church, and currently serving on the Board of Directors of Gift of Life International;

Whereas, Mr. Graham gave of himself to his country from 1951 to 1979. He served eight years as an active duty US Navy night fighter pilot and then twenty years as a pilot and Division Staff Officer for the Thirty Eighth Infantry Division of the Indiana National Guard. He retired from military service as a Lieutenant Colonel. Professionally, Mr. Graham served as President of AGA Corporation in Indianapolis for twenty years;

Whereas, Through the years numerous awards and honors have been bestowed upon Mr. Graham for his unending selflessness. He was recognized in 2001 by Mayor Peterson as a "Distinguished Citizen". In 2002 Governor O'Bannon presented Mr. Graham with the highest Hoosier honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash Award. Two years later in 2004, Mr. Graham was inducted into the Purdue University ROTC Hall of Fame; and



Whereas, Mr. Graham has truly given of himself for the benefit of his community and children around the world. He is a humanitarian hero and a shining example of Hoosier hospitality; Therefore:

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes Jim
2 Graham for receiving the distinguished Passing the Torch Award due
3 to his commitment to helping children from various races and
4 nationalities.

5 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
6 transmit a copy of this resolution to Jim and Roberta Graham.

