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RESOLUTION 90-17

TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF
THE VIETNAM ERA VETERANS ALLIANCE (VEVA) TO FUND A MEMORIAL WALL
TO HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS

WHEREAS, four thousand Monroe County residents are Vietnam era veterans; twenty two Monroe County veterans did not return; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam Era Veterans Alliance (VEVA) has been engaged in a fundraising effort for the past six years to build a memorial wall on the west side of the Courthouse Square to honor the Monroe County Vietnam veterans; and

WHEREAS, VEVA was originally founded to establish a support network for Vietnam veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, when VEVA incorporated, the organization's goals were expanded to include: addressing Vietnam veteran issues; enhancing the image of Vietnam veterans by participating in civic, charitable and fundraising activities in the community; educating Vietnam veterans and the general public about Vietnam veteran issues; identifying the benefits, rights and services available to Vietnam veterans; and advocating the use and improvement of the above benefits, rights and services; and

WHEREAS, VEVA accomplishments include: annual staging of the Bloomington Fourth of July Parade; participation in Veterans' Day ceremonies and related veterans events; political advocacy of a Monroe County Veterans Service Officer; support and promotion of outreach services for the Indianapolis Vet Center; and hosting of the Sixth Annual Indiana Vietnam Veterans Civic Council Conference; and

WHEREAS, VEVA has become very active and highly visible in veterans affairs in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Frank McCloskey and State Representative Mark Kruzan have agreed to co-chair the VEVA Memorial fund drive; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington's employees and Monroe County's employees are competing to raise the largest amount for the Memorial; and

WHEREAS, VEVA has already raised $35,000 to fund the Memorial; the goal of the current fund drive is to raise the additional $55,000 needed to build the Memorial;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

The City of Bloomington Common Council hereby expresses its support for the efforts of the Vietnam Era Veterans Alliance (VEVA), both in the past and presently. The Council also urges the residents of Bloomington to support VEVA in its current Memorial fund drive so that the Memorial can be built.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 18th day of April, 1990.

Iris Kiesling

IRIS KIESLING, ~~President~~
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 19th day of April, 1990.

Tomilea Allison

TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution, sponsored by Councilmember Kirk White, expresses Common Council support for VEVA in its Memorial fund drive, and urges the residents of Bloomington to support VEVA's fundraising efforts.