Recognition of services rendered to Bloomington by Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr. during 1964-71

Resolution No. 71-36

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington, Indiana has gained exceedingly from the knowledgeable, good-natured, courageous, and unselfish service rendered by John H. Hooker, Jr. through his eight years as Mayor of the City; and WHEREAS, his many contributions and achievements have been characterized by excellence in the conceptualization of problems and in devoting all his energies and abilities to the work necessary for their solution; and WHEREAS, his many accomplishments as Mayor have included: a public utilities system that has given the entire Bloomington area an abundance of high quality water and which promises to meet our needs for many years; a water pollution control program of high capacity and embodying the best features which is capable of meeting the needs of the entire community; expansion and improvements in the Police and Fire Departments which have made them more professional and better equipped to meet our changing needs; the establishment of a new fire station that is a model in efficiency and pleasing architectural design; superior performance in promoting the development of a well-equipped City Street Department which has performed notably well in spite of limited funds and a burgeoning level of street traffic; resourcefulness and drive in the development of Bloomington's multi-purpose and unique Service Control Center; the development of a strong and enviable parks and recreational program, and especially through his exceptional judgment and leadership in attracting one of the most able and likable professionals in parks and recreation to be the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation; adherence to the best standards possible in selecting high quality persons to fill the many positions for which the mayor is responsible; resourcefulness and persistent effort to attain for the City zoning control of the two-mile fringe; alertness in taking the steps necessary for Bloomington to change from a third-class to a second-class city; understanding and diligent effort to further the development of suitable housing for lower income families and for his strong support and leadership in the Redevelopment and Public Housing programs of the City; hard work and leadership in the encouragement of citizen participation in local government and in the promotion of the Neighborhood Development Program; extraordinary resourcefulness and dedication in helping to maintain good industrial management-labor relations; immeasurably

wise and calming counsel and leadership in our recent period of great stress on campus and in town which ended peacefully and scarcely without harm to any person or to property; and for his persuasive and crusading advocacy of Bloomington as <u>Indiana's Cultural</u>, <u>Educational</u>, <u>and Recreational Center</u>. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this truly outstanding record of dedication and performance is gratefully recognized and it shall be permanently recorded in the minutes of the Common Council of the City of Bloomington.

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