

RESOLUTION 79-29  
Encomium for Doc Counsilman

WHEREAS, James "Doc" Counsilman has served as coach of the Indiana University swimming team for the past twenty-two years, during which time the team won nineteen straight Big Ten Championships and six straight NCAA Championships, and had gone twelve straight years without losing a dual meet; and

WHEREAS, swimmers coached by Doc Counsilman have held every record in the men's Olympic list and have become some of the world's best swimmers; and

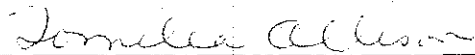
WHEREAS, Doc Counsilman has performed a remarkable feat by being, in addition to the best swimming coach in the world and an internationally known expert on swimming, the 214th swimmer to cross the English Channel; and

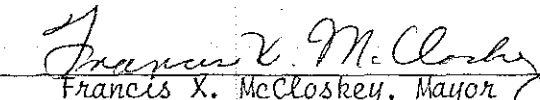
WHEREAS, Doc Counsilman has brought international attention to Bloomington and inspiration to older persons around the world by setting a record of being, at fifty-eight years of age, the oldest person ever to swim the English Channel;

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

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Bloomington congratulate Doc Counsilman on his spectacular success in becoming the oldest person to swim the English Channel, and warmly welcome him back to Bloomington.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 20th day of September, 1979.

  
Tomilea Allison, President  
Bloomington Common Council

  
Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

