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**RESOLUTION # B**

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OFFICIAL HUMAN  
RIGHTS AGENCIES  
58<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ  
September 14, 2006**

REPLY TO:

**TITLE: APPRECIATION TO LYNN M. BLOOM,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HAMMOND  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

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**PURPOSE: TO COMMEND LYNN M. BLOOM FOR THIRTY  
YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE  
CAUSE OF CIVIL RIGHTS WITH 23 YEARS OF  
SERVICE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
THE HAMMOND HUMAN RELATIONS  
COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) is a professional association of over 140 state, county, and local human relations commissions in the United States of America and several statutory human rights agencies in Canada that has as its purpose and jurisdiction the elimination of discrimination; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lynn M. Bloom has served in the field of civil/human rights in Northwest Indiana for thirty years and served with distinction as the Executive director of the Hammond Human Relations Commission from 1983-2006; and

**WHEREAS**, under her leadership the Commission in the City was re-established with a new Ordinance that provided enforcement power to the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn M. Bloom participated in a three City partnership along with a private fair housing agency to promote fair housing in Northwest Indiana through support from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; secured substantial equivalency from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and drafted the Fair Housing Amendments to the enabling Human Relations Ordinance including the Rules and Regulations resulting in recertification to remain a Fair Housing Assistance Program Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn M. Bloom established the Northwest Indiana Community Reinvestment Alliance to insure fair lending practices; partnered with a local lender to develop and conduct a predatory lending education program; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn M. Bloom Created the Diversity Coalition of Hammond; Served on the Mayor's Commission for Disabilities for twenty years and established the Mayor's Housing Initiative Task Force to monitor the City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and to recommend corrective measures; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn M. Bloom was member of International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies serving as the secretary from 1981-1983; a member of the National Association of Human Rights Workers serving as the secretary from 1983-1985 and was a member of the Indiana Consortium of State and Local Human Rights Agencies serving as the president from 1985-1988 and 2002-2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn M. Bloom retired in May 2006 but continues her role as coalition builder to improve cross racial and cross cultural cooperation to insure equal opportunity and foster social justice.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the delegates of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference express sincere thanks and appreciation to Lynn M. Bloom for her dedication and outstanding leadership to the citizens of Hammond, the state of Indiana, IAOHRA and wish her success in her retirement.

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**James L. Stowe, President**