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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Pelath*

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION memorializing Burton "Bud" Ruby.

*Whereas, Burton "Bud" Ruby passed away on Saturday, December 27, 2014, at the age of 95;*

*Whereas, Born October 27, 1919, in Chicago, Illinois, Burton Ruby had a business career in the apparel industry that spanned five decades;*

*Whereas, Burton Ruby served in the military during World War II as an infantryman in the European Theatre;*

*Whereas, Burton Ruby went ashore on Utah Beach in France on June 7, 1944, and fought through all five major*

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*European campaigns;*

*Whereas, Burton's bravery under fire earned him the Bronze Star, the Presidential Unit Citation with an Oak Leaf Cluster, and the French Legion of Honor, receiving this high honor in France on the 60th anniversary of D-Day;*

*Whereas, Upon his discharge from the military, Burton joined Jaymar-Ruby, the company that his father, Jack M. Ruby, founded in Chicago in 1916 to produce overalls;*

*Whereas, Jaymar-Ruby was moved to Michigan City in 1922, where Burton began learning the company from the ground up, serving as plant superintendent, vice president, executive vice president, president, and chief executive officer, and, in 1981, was elected chairman;*

*Whereas, A friend of education throughout his life, Burton Ruby recognized the importance of education and how it made a difference in people's lives;*

*Whereas, Burton Ruby was a contributor to Purdue North Central and was an original member of the Chancellor's Advisory Board;*

*Whereas, Always active in his community, Burton Ruby was involved with several organizations, including the Duneland Health Council, Michigan City Rotary Club, Memorial Hospital of Michigan City, Nixon Newspapers, Horizon Bancorp, Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, and the advisory board of Purdue University North Central;*

*Whereas, During his career, Burton Ruby received many awards and recognitions, including the Sagamore of the Wabash presented to him by Governor Robert Orr in 1985, Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International, Ambassador-at-Large by the Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce, and "Distinguished Citizens Award," from the LaSalle Council, Boy Scouts of America;*

*Whereas, Burton Ruby was also the recipient of the B'nai B'rith Human Relations Brotherhood Award from the National*



*Council of Christians and Jews, was named to the Apparel Industry's Hall of Fame, and in 2009, was named to the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame;*

*Whereas, Burton Ruby also had several awards named in his honor, including the Burton B. Ruby Community Service Award through Horizon Bank and the Bud Ruby Award through United Way;*

*Whereas, Burton Ruby was an active and devoted member of Sinai Temple for more than 75 years, serving as trustee and past president and continuing to serve as Chairman Emeritus of Sinai Temple's Endowment Board of Trustees until his death; and*

*Whereas, Burton "Bud" Ruby spent decades making a difference in his community through business, economic development, and community service, and his passing will be felt throughout the city and the state by the countless number of people whose lives he touched in such a positive way: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives expresses  
2 its sincere condolences to the family of Burton "Bud" Ruby and  
3 appreciates his many accomplishments and contributions to his  
4 community, his state, and his country.

5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to his wife, June, and  
7 children, Pamela, Kirk, Julie, John, Tom, and Pat.

