

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of La Porte County
No. 2020-17 honoring the late Congressman John Lewis

WHEREAS, John Lewis was a pioneer in the civil rights movement who served at the right hand of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. before being elected to Congress representing the citizens of Atlanta, Georgia, and

WHEREAS, Congressman Lewis passed away July 17, 2020 at age 80 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer, and

WHEREAS, he was universally recognized for his leadership in the civil rights movement, his civil disobedience and lifelong fight for racial justice and voting rights, and

WHEREAS, the honor to lie in state requires the concurrence of both chambers of Congress and Lewis' flag draped casket was brought into Statuary Hall and placed on the Lincoln catafalque, the same platform built and used during the funeral of Abraham Lincoln after the 16th president was assassinated in 1865, and

WHEREAS, former President Barack Obama eulogized Congressman Lewis as an "American whose faith was tested again and again to produce a man of pure joy and unbreakable perseverance," and

WHEREAS, President Obama said "we are born with instructions to form a more perfect union. Explicit in those words is the idea that we're imperfect and that what gives each new generation purpose is to take up the unfinished work of the last and carry it further than any might have thought possible" and that "America was built by John Lewises. He as much as anyone in our history brought this country a little bit closer to our highest ideals. And someday, when we do finish that long journey toward freedom, when we do form a more perfect union, whether it's years from now or decades, or even if it takes another two centuries, John Lewis will be a founding father of that fuller, fairer, better America," and

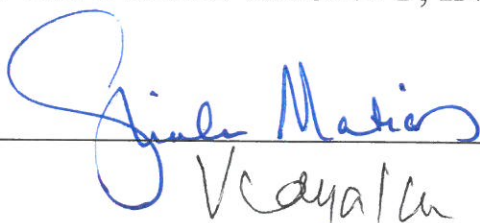
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WHEREAS, U.S. Sen. David Perdue (R-Georgia) from Congressman Lewis' home state offered remarks on the Senate floor calling the late Congressman a "titan in the struggle for civil rights. Throughout all of human history, in every generation, there are a handful of people who rise to the level of greatness." Perdue then told his colleagues that "despite adversity, danger, and sometimes impossible odds, these great men and women fight for what is right, push our society forward, and make America better for the next generation. Rep. John Lewis was certainly the embodiment of this type of greatness."

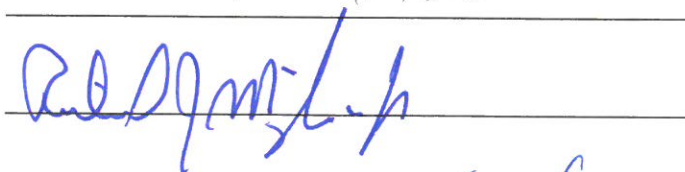
NOW THEREFORE, WE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LA PORTE COUNTY WISH TO PERMANENTLY RECOGNIZE AND MEMORIALIZE THE EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LATE CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS IN THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND IN SEEKING TO ESTABLISH A MORE 'PERFECT UNION'

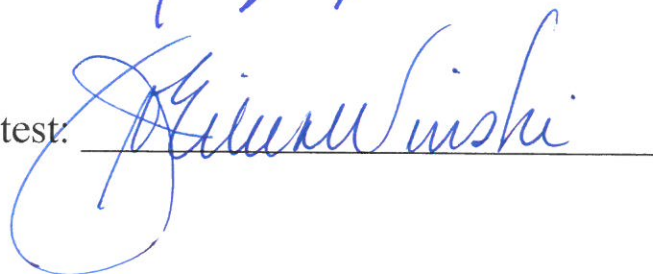
All of which is resolved this 5th day of August, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA



Julie Matias



Attest: 

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