



Bill No. _____
Resolution No. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, PUBLICLY RECOGNIZING AND
COMMENDING MR. LARRY BAUER, MR. DON FOZO, MRS. IRIS
OUTLAW, MR. GEORGE EFTA, AND MS. JACKIE RUCKER FOR
THEIR LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO REBUILDING
TOGETHER ST. JOSEPH COUNTY**

Whereas, The Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana is humbled to honor and publicly recognize the many years of service performed by the recently resigned Rebuilding Together Board Members; and

Whereas, Mr. Larry Bauer served for twenty-three (23) years from 1994-2017, Mr. Don Fozo served for twenty-three (23) years from 1992-2015, Mrs. Iris Outlaw served for twenty-three (23) years, from 1993-2016, Mr. George Efta served for twenty (20) years from 1996-2016, and Ms. Jackie Rucker served for fourteen (14) years from 2003-2017; and

Whereas, Rebuilding Together St. Joseph County, formerly known as “Christmas in April”, is a non-profit, community-based partnership of volunteers from local government, businesses and other non-profits, whose purpose is to improve, through rehabilitation, the homes of low-income homeowners—especially the elderly or disabled; and

Whereas, Since St. Joseph County’s chapter began in 1989, volunteers have donated their time and services, generating nearly \$11.5 million dollars in repairs to 650 homes in eight neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Since 1989, Rebuilding Together has completed projects in many South Bend neighborhoods: Northeast, Southeast, West Washington, Westside/St. Casimir’s, Rum Village, Northwest and Near Northwest, Near Westside Partnership Ctr., Marquette/Keller Park, Lincoln School, River Park, Westside, and LaSalle; and

Whereas, Volunteers from the Saint Joseph Valley Building and Construction Trades Council and other skilled contractors and volunteers from community organizations and businesses complete the skilled work, with eighty-nine percent of the donated funds directly benefitting the recipients of the program.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the Common Council of the City of South Bend as follows:

Section I. It is my distinct honor to publicly commend and honor the service of Mr. Larry Bauer, Mr. Don Fozo, Mrs. Iris Outlaw, Mr. George Efta, and Ms. Jackie Rucker for their countless contributions made to our community through their leadership on the Rebuilding Together Board.

Section II. On behalf of the City of South Bend, Indiana, I am most humbled to thank Mr. Larry Bauer, Mr. Don Fozo, Mrs. Iris Outlaw, Mr. George Efta, and Ms. Jackie Rucker for their longstanding service and commitment to our city and wish them all luck in their retirement.

Section III. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

Tim Scott, 1st District

Oliver J. Davis, 6th District

Regina Williams Preston, 2nd District

John Voorde, At Large

Randy Kelly, 3rd District

Gavin Ferlic, At Large

Jo M. Broden, 4th District

Karen L. White, At Large

Dr. David Varner, 5th District

Council Attorney

Attest:

Approved this 27th day of November, 2017

Kareemah N. Fowler, City Clerk

Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend