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Statement of the NAACP Greater Indianapolis Branch 3053 Honoring Former Senator Birch Bayh

INDIANAPOLIS — April 30, 2019 — As Hoosiers gather this week for a public memorial service honoring former Indiana Senator Birch Bayh, the Greater Indianapolis NAACP Branch President Chrystal Ratcliffe issued the following statement:

“The Greater Indianapolis NAACP Branch 3053 shares in our state and nation’s sorrow at the loss of former Senator Birch Bayh. Senator Bayh’s life was spent as a tireless pioneer and champion of improving the lives of working Hoosiers and his fellow Americans. Senator Bayh leaves a distinguished legacy as a transformative figure and advocate, who championed the rights of people of color, women, and others who are marginalized by society. The Branch sends its sincere condolences and prayers to Evan, Susan, and the entire Bayh family, to honor such a man who embodied Hoosier leadership and the quintessential Hoosier values of respect, dignity, and equality under the law for all.”

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About NAACP: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest, largest and most widely recognized civil rights organization. Our mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.