

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DESIGNATING A PORTION OF
INTERSTATE 69 WITHIN THE CITY OF BURTON AS THE BATAAN AND
CORREGIDOR VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

WHEREAS, One of the more notorious incidents in the Pacific Theatre during World War II, a conflict that involved more than 100 million people and no fewer than 30 countries, occurred in the Philippine Islands a few months after the surprise attack by the Empire of Japan on the United States naval forces stationed at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941; and,

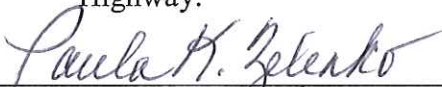
WHEREAS, The ensuing Battles of Bataan and Corregidor in early 1942 resulted in the deaths of an estimated 750,000 military combatants and civilian non-combatants, as well as the capture by the Japanese of approximately 75,000 Americans and Filipinos; and,

WHEREAS, After three months of brutal fighting between the Imperial Japanese Forces and the United States and its allies, the American forces under General Douglas MacArthur surrendered and the Japanese Army forcibly marched no fewer than 75,000 starving, sick and debilitated military prisoners-of-war and equally weakened civilian prisoners on a deadly 65-mile trek that would become known as the Bataan Death March; and,


WHEREAS, The Bataan Death March resulted in the death of approximately 9,000 Filipinos and more than 1,000 Americans, and the torture and brutal treatment of tens of thousands of prisoners at the hands of their Japanese captors; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the City of Burton, recognizing the many veterans and their families who have served in the military, and in some cases made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, support legislation in the Michigan Legislature to designate the portion of I-69 between Center Road and Belsay Road in the City of Burton as the "Bataan and Corregidor Veterans Memorial Highway; now,

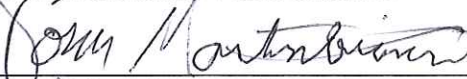
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Burton hereby endorse and encourage passage of legislation to designate the portion of I-69 between Center Road and Belsay Road in the City of Burton as the "Bataan and Corregidor Veterans Memorial Highway.



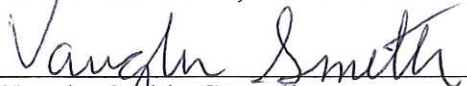
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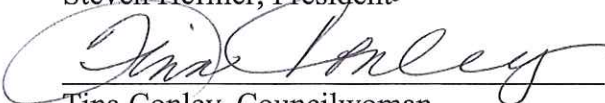
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