CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE

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2016 Indiana Bicentennial Commission
Endorsement Committee
140 N. Senate Ave, Room 410
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Commission Members:

I wish to recommend the Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce's Bicentennial Time Capsule for your Endorsement of a Bicentennial Legacy Project. The Time Capsule has been in planning since August 2015, and started collecting data, photos and documents on January 1st, 2016.

The Chamber saw the need for a Bicentennial Time Capsule because of the lack of documentation for today's citizen to recreate a comprehensive picture of what Montgomery County was and looked like during our State's Centennial. Researchers can locate some photographs with a plus or minus 10 year timeline of 1916 and recreate information on some businesses, institutions, charities, municipalities and the like, but so much information is now lost to time.

The Bicentennial Time Capsule project's goal is to document Montgomery County's significant buildings, events and landscapes in a new 2016 photographic survey. The news events covering political, social, economic and recreational events affecting the citizens of Montgomery County throughout the year 2016 is currently being compiled and documented for the capsule. Municipalities, churches, not-for-profit organizations, schools, and over 270 Chamber of Commerce members are being asked to submit a biography and history of their organization for inclusion in the Time Capsule.

Once all of the information has been collected for the Time capsule, an electronic version will be available from public web sites, and printed versions available from the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce is fully funding this project. The Time Capsule has excited the imagination of many of our citizens including students from our high schools who have been eager to volunteer their time and skills to see the project through to the end. This legacy for the future citizens of Montgomery County will be buried in a very prominent location during a public celebration ceremony.

I highly recommend this project's consideration for your endorsement.

Sincerely,

Todd D. Barton, Mayor

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