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Michael C. Garber Historical Marker Dedication

A public dedication ceremony for the Indiana historical marker honoring Michael C. Garber will be held on November 26, 2004, 2:00 p.m. E.S.T., at 310 West Street, Madison, Jefferson County.

Everyone is invited to the dedication to help celebrate the significance of this man and the honor of receiving a state historical marker. The text on the marker follows:

Born Staunton, Virginia 1813. Purchased Madison Courier 1849; transformed it from pro-Democratic to voice for newly forming Republican Party. Promoted the Union and objected to Fugitive Slave Law. Was active in Republican Party politics. Nominated to represent state's Third Congressional District at first Republican National Convention 1856. Garber served in U.S. Volunteers in the Civil War, 1861-1866, and was mustered out with rank of colonel and chief quartermaster. Turned over editorship of the Madison Courier to his son Michael, Jr. 1875. Served as Madison postmaster 1875-1881. He died April 8, 1881 and is buried in Madison.

Indiana heritage continues to gain attention by the placement of historical markers throughout the state commemorating significant Indiana people, places, and events. The installation of historical markers helps communities present, promote, and preserve their rich history for both citizens and visitors. Via the Internet, that history is reaching a worldwide audience.

For decades the Indiana Historical Bureau has administered the Indiana Historical Marker program. These markers have the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of Indiana at the top. There are 450 of these markers across the state.

For a digital version of this release and further information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau Web site at <www.IN.gov/history> or call 317-232-2535.

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